The School of Education offers programs that prepare individuals to
lead in a wide array of educational settings, including teaching in K–
12 classrooms, conducting educational research, developing evidence-
informed policy and designing innovative learning environments both in
schools and in community-based settings.

Graduate programs in the School of Education serve practicing teachers,
higher education professionals, as well as those seeking to improve
education through rigorous research and evidence-informed policy
and practice. The School of Education’s doctoral program is a cohort-
based, full-time program that prepares individuals to lead in universities,
research or policy institutes, state or government agencies and innovative
non-profit organizations.

Mission

Our mission in the School of Education is grounded in a lived
commitment to democracy, diversity, equity and justice. We teach and
conduct research to make a positive difference with and in schools and
communities. The work of our faculty, researchers, staff and students
leads to evidence-based policy and practice. We aim for our graduates
to be engaged and informed educators, researchers, policymakers and
community leaders.

Licensure

The School of Education is authorized by the Colorado Department of
Education and the Colorado Department of Higher Education to offer
teacher preparation programs.

Because each state has its own laws and standards regarding teacher
preparation, our teacher education programs do not prepare candidates
for licensure in states other than Colorado. It is strongly recommended
that students planning to seek professional licensure or certification in a
state other than Colorado contact the appropriate licensing entity in the
state in which they are, or plan to be, located in order to seek information
and guidance regarding licensure or certification requirements and how
a degree from CU Boulder may satiate another state's requirements for
licensure in advance of program completion.