CU Boulder offers a PhD degree program with an emphasis in educational equity and cultural diversity (EECD). The doctoral program is specifically geared to preparing researchers and leadership personnel in the field of bilingual multicultural education. Program graduates are typically employed in schools of education as faculty and/or researchers. Other graduates also serve in professional positions with state and federal education agencies, as well as local school districts.

Each participant is expected to bring an appropriate master's degree and professional background to the doctoral program. The exact nature of the MA and professional experience required for admission depends upon the career goals of the candidate, but most students bring an MA in bilingual/multicultural education or a related degree and experience in a bilingual classroom.

Candidates in the doctoral program are encouraged to attend full time throughout their program.

For more information, visit the department's Educational Equity & Cultural Diversity [webpage](http://www.colorado.edu/education/graduate-programs/educational-equity-cultural-diversity).

### Requirements

#### Course Requirements

Students must successfully complete 56 credit hours of approved coursework, with 23 credit hours of core courses (see below) taken as a doctoral cohort during the first two years of study. Students must maintain at least a B (3.0) average with no grade lower than a B- while enrolled.

Students must complete a minimum of 30 hours of dissertation credit. Students must be registered for a minimum of 5 dissertation hours per semester after successful completion of their comprehensive exam.

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#### Required Courses and Credits

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#### Required Core Courses (23 credit hours)

#### Research and Statistics (6-12 credit hours)

EECD requires a minimum of two courses in advanced methodology, preferably aligned with the methods to be used during dissertation research. Eligible courses include:

- EDUC 8730 Advanced Qualitative Data Analysis
- EDUC 8348 Seminar: Human Development
- COMM 64 Discourse Analysis
- EDUC 6504 Issues and Methods in Cognitive Science
- EDUC 7346 Ethnographic Methods in Educational Research
- EDUC 7336 Methods of Survey Research and Assessments
- EDUC 7386 Educational Evaluation
- EDUC 7456 Multilevel Modeling
- EDUC 8710 Measurement in Survey Research
- EDUC 8720 Advanced Topics in Measurement
- EDUC 7396 Categorical Data Analysis
- Other as approved by advisor.

#### Non-Education Course(s) (3-6 credit hours)

Choose 3-6 credit hours of courses from outside of the School of Education, to be chosen in consultation with your advisor. These courses are typically at the 6000 level or higher.

#### Electives (6-12 credit hours)

Choose 6-12 additional credit hours of courses, to be chosen in consultation with your advisor and in the context of your interests and developing expertise.

Total Credit Hours: 53-68

### Transfer Credit

Transfer credit is defined as any credit earned at another accredited institution, credits earned on another campus of the CU system, or credits earned as a nondegree student within the CU system. Students who have transfer credits must complete the transfer of credit paperwork.

The maximum amount of work that may be transferred from another accredited institution to CU Boulder is 12 credit hours, and is accepted only after approval of the faculty advisor and Director of Advising and Student Success. All courses accepted for transfer must be graduate-level courses. A course in which a grade of B- or lower was received will not be accepted for transfer.

Transfer coursework must have been completed in the five years prior to acceptance to the program. Credit may not be transferred until the
student has completed 6 credits of graduate-level coursework as a degree-seeking student on the CU Boulder campus with a 3.0 GPA.

**Language Requirement**

Please see the Graduate Student Handbook for more information on this requirement.

**Dissertation Credit**

All doctoral students must take a minimum of 30 dissertation hours (EDUC 8994 PhD Doctoral Dissertation).

Students are allowed to take up to 10 hours prior to passing their comprehensive exam. Once students pass their comprehensive exam, they must be registered for a minimum of 5 dissertation hours every semester. Students may be registered for 3 hours if they are "off-campus" status, meaning they are not on appointment and are not taking any coursework hours.

Students must be registered for a minimum of five dissertation hours during the semester they defend.

**Scholarly Project**

All doctoral students are required to complete, at minimum, one scholarly project prior to taking the comprehensive exam. Presentations at professional meetings, published articles or reviews are typical ways to satisfy the requirement.

**Comprehensive Exam**

The comprehensive exam should be taken after students have completed the majority of their coursework but prior to completion of the dissertation. The committee comprises three graduate faculty members from the School of Education, and must be approved by the Associate Dean for Students and Director of Advising and Student Success prior to the exam. Students should consult their advisors concerning the format of the comprehensive examination. The candidacy application must also be submitted at the beginning of the semester in which the exam is taken.

Committee members must receive approval from the School of Education prior to the exam. Please check the deadlines sheet for dates.

**Proposal Committee**

Once students have successfully passed their comprehensive exam, they should consult their faculty advisor in regards to their dissertation proposal committee. The dissertation proposal committee must include at least five faculty: three of whom must be School of Education graduate faculty and one of whom must be CU Boulder campus resident graduate faculty but outside the School of Education. These members must also be approved by the graduate school prior to the proposal.

Committee members must receive approval from the School of Education prior to the exam. Please check the deadlines sheet for dates.

**Dissertation Committee and Final Defense**

The dissertation committee must include at least five faculty: three of whom must be School of Education graduate faculty and one of whom must be CU Boulder campus resident graduate faculty but outside the School of Education. These members must also be approved by the graduate school prior to the proposal.

After successful completion of dissertation defense, the completed dissertation must be uploaded to the graduate school according to graduate school procedures and deadlines. Please see the graduate school website for deadlines details.

Committee members must receive approval from the School of Education prior to the exam. Please check the deadlines sheet for dates.

**Time Limit**

The doctoral degree must be completed within six years.