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.

Whether it is the dream to be a classroom teacher, a community activist or an innovator in research and policy, the School of Education programs are designed for a student’s success with field-based experiences, mentorship and community at the core.

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 (https://www.colorado.edu/education/out-state-licensing-or-reciprocity-co-licensure-other-states/) 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.