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.

Undergraduate students interested in K–6 Elementary Education may either pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education or complete the teacher licensure requirements while earning a bachelor’s degree from another college on campus. The school also provides teacher licensure programs that ensure rigorous content preparation and extensive clinical experience in local partner schools. Teacher licensure programs are available at the undergraduate, post-baccalaureate and master’s level. The School of Education collaborates with the College of Arts & Sciences, College of Engineering and Applied Science and the College of Music to design degree programs for undergraduates that combine a major in Arts & Sciences, Engineering and Applied Science or Music with courses and field experiences in education that lead to a Colorado initial license.

The school offers a range of experiences and courses for undergraduates interested in educational issues, serving in the Peace Corps and/or working in community-based settings. Through the CU Engage program, the school offers undergraduates opportunities to participate in community-based research and programs. Undergraduate students pursuing a major in the College of Arts and Sciences with a bachelor’s degree in either Social Sciences or Arts and Humanities can apply for a dual degree with a Bachelor of Arts in Leadership and Community Engagement. This option is available to undergraduate students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, Political Science, Sociology, Ethnic Studies, Women and Gender Studies, Geography, English, Jewish Studies, Philosophy, Spanish & Portuguese or Asian Studies. In addition, the school offers two undergraduate minors, one in Education and one in Leadership Studies.

Graduate programs in the school serve practicing teachers as well as those seeking to improve education through rigorous research and evidence-informed policy and practice. The school’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 work in the School of Education is grounded in a lived commitment to democracy, diversity, equity and justice. Guided by this commitment, our faculty, researchers, staff, and students pursue evidence-informed policy and practice. We teach and conduct research to make a positive difference with and in schools and communities. We aim for our graduates to be engaged and informed educators, public scholars, researchers, policymakers and community leaders.

Accreditation

The licensure programs, both undergraduate and graduate, are fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation, the Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education.