Policies & Requirements

Admission Requirements

Students may apply to one of the teacher education programs if the following requirements have been fulfilled:

- **GPA:** Elementary and Secondary students must have and maintain a 2.75 (on a 4.00 scale) cumulative GPA, 2.75 at CU Boulder, 2.75 in their subject area (secondary teacher fields) and 2.75 in education. K-12 Music Education students must have and maintain a 3.00 overall and in their subject area. Students applying to Master’s Plus (MA+) programs must have and maintain a 3.00 cumulative GPA.
- **Prior Degrees:** Students applying to Post-Baccalaureate and Master’s Plus (MA+) programs must have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution.
- **Youth Experience:** Students must provide written verification of 25 clock hours of satisfactory experiences with elementary, middle/ junior high or senior high school-aged youth (appropriate to the desired program) in the past five years. Forms for this purpose are available in the Office of Student Services, Education 151, or online at the School of Education (https://www.colorado.edu/education) website. Undergraduate students at CU Boulder meet this requirement through school experiences in EDUC 2020 Step 1: Inquiry Approaches to Teaching and EDUC 2050 Step Up to Social Justice Teaching courses.
- **Basic Skills:** All teacher education students must demonstrate basic skills competence in mathematics and literacy. This may be done through acceptable grades in appropriate college course work, or by acceptable standardized test scores. Contact the Office of Student Services in Education 151 for more information.
- **Letters of Recommendation**
- **Personal Statement**
- **Background Check and Fee:** The School of Education and our partner districts require students working in schools to undergo background checks at least once per year. The costs and process for these background checks are changing due to new state requirements. Check with the Office of Student Services for the most updated information.
- **Application Fee:** The appropriate application fee should be submitted with application materials. Fees vary by program.

Individuals interested in completing the teacher education program at the University of Colorado Boulder should request application materials from the Office of Student Services, Education 151 or online at the School of Education (https://www.colorado.edu/education) website. Students currently enrolled in a degree program at Boulder will need to complete an application.

Individuals who have completed a baccalaureate degree at an accredited institution and are not currently enrolled at the university must complete a program application, a university application and submit official transcripts from all previous colleges directly to the university’s Office of Admissions (http://www.colorado.edu/admissions).

Academic Excellence

Scholarships and Awards

A limited number of scholarships and awards are available for second- and third-year students within the School of Education to support study at the master’s and undergraduate levels. Each year a combination of teaching assistantships (TAs), research assistantships (RAs), other forms of graduate assistantships (GAs) and fellowships are available in the School of Education to support full-time doctoral study. The strongest doctoral applicants are nominated by the school for fellowships awarded by the Graduate School. Candidates apply in the spring semester for scholarships and awards for the following school year. Application procedures and deadlines are publicized on the School of Education website.

Students are eligible to apply for university-wide financial assistance through the Office of Financial Aid. State and federal programs are available for loan cancellation or forgiveness for Colorado teachers of certain subjects or who teach in designated schools serving students from low-income families. Information about these opportunities may be found at the School of Education Financial Aid and Scholarships (https://www.colorado.edu/education/student-life/financial-aid-scholarships) page.

Academic Standards

Upon enrollment in a School of Education degree or licensure program, a student who fails to maintain a 2.75 GPA (3.00 for graduate students) will be placed on academic recovery or may be suspended. Readmission is subject to program requirements in effect at the time of reaplication. The same conditions apply to students in other colleges and schools who have been admitted to the teacher education program.

Advising

Students are responsible for obtaining and reading the undergraduate student handbook (https://www.colorado.edu/education/student-life/undergraduate-experience). Off-campus students may obtain advising materials (https://www.colorado.edu/education/student-life/advising-ambassadors/contact-advisor) online or by calling 303-492-6555.

At CU Boulder, degree requirements vary among the schools and colleges. Students seeking a degree at the University of Colorado should consult, as soon as possible, with an advisor in the college or school from which they expect to graduate and with the School of Education advisor (https://www.colorado.edu/education/student-life/advising-ambassadors).

Students are encouraged to become familiar with the teacher education requirements by comparing their own transcripts to the published advising materials. Students can then talk with an advisor before applying to the program or they may wait until after their applications are processed. Students seeking teacher licensure in French, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish or Music Education should see the designated advisor for that content area in addition to the School of Education advisor.

Advising may also be obtained by emailing edadvise@colorado.edu. When requesting email advising, please make questions as specific as possible.