

Thank you for your interest in the School of Education at the University of Colorado Boulder! We understand that the decision to pursue doctoral studies is not undertaken lightly and represents an exciting personal and professional endeavor. We look forward to evaluating you for our program!

Before you begin an application please review each of the sections that follow to ensure you have selected the appropriate program, satisfy the admission requirements and to determine if it is realistic to complete an application by the published deadline. Although we will accept applications online up to the date of the deadline, this assumes you have already mailed in the supplemental materials or that they will be arriving within a few days.

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Admission Requirements

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To be eligible for admission an applicant must satisfy all of the following:

1. Completed a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
2. Minimum 2.75 undergraduate grade point average (GPA), and in all previous education-related coursework (on 4.0 scale).
3. Minimum 3.00 post baccalaureate GPA (on 4.0 scale).
4. Submission of GRE scores up to five years in the past (no fixed minimums)

NOTE: Additional admission/application requirements *may* apply depending on the program or degree plan. Review the program information through the links below to verify that you meet all of the admission requirements.

[Curriculum & Instruction](#)

[Educational Equity and Cultural Diversity](#)

[Educational Foundations, Policy and Practice](#)

[Educational Psychology and Learning Sciences](#)

[Research and Evaluation Methodology](#)

Application Deadlines

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The School of Education accepts doctoral applications once per year for Fall semester admission. **The application deadline applies to all required materials.** *The online application will not be available after the deadline passes. Any applications that are in progress but not submitted after the deadline are automatically deleted.*

	Domestic Applicants	International Applicants
Fall Admission Only	December 15	December 1

International Applicants

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In addition to the requirements described below, you must also submit official TOEFL (114+) or IELTS (8.0+) scores and a Financial Support Statement. Additionally, the application fee will be assessed at \$70. Refer the International Applicants sections of the [Graduate Admissions website](#) for more information.

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Graduate School Application – Online

The [Graduate School Application](#) must be completed online. *Follow the instructions below carefully. Selecting the incorrect Career, Program, or a Term where the deadline has already passed, for example, may disqualify your application.*

STEP 1 Register for an account through the link above. To register, click the “Register Here” button on the login page. The username and password you create will be e-mailed to you. **Please allow 2-3 business days to receive these e-mails.**

STEP 2 Log in and select your degree program

Please select a career:	GRAD – Graduate
Please select a program:	EDUCG – School of Education GRAD
Please select a field of study:	<i>Select the major you will pursue</i>
Please select an admit term:	<i>Select the term you will begin the program</i>
Please select a subplan:	<i>You MUST select a subplan (even if there is only 1 option)</i>
I am a:	applicant to a Doctoral program

STEP 3 Complete the remainder of the application according to the instructions and submit it by the deadline. Please take time and complete each section completely and accurately. Be sure to upload the *Tuition Classification* form if you are a Colorado resident. Also, if you answer “yes” to the criminal history question, you must upload the *Criminal History Form* before submitting your application. The *Miramontes Scholarship Application* will be available in the supplemental document section and must be uploaded to the application for review.

I have a question about the application – who do I contact?

We recommend starting with the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section on the Graduate Admissions website, which offers assistance for each section of the application. For technical issues write to graduate.admissions@colorado.edu.

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Transcripts

One (1) official transcript is required from **EVERY** higher education institution attended regardless of the length of attendance, the number of credits earned/not earned, or overall academic performance. *Even if credits reflect as transferred coursework on another institution’s transcript, an official copy is still required from the institution where the courses were completed.*

Electronic Transcripts may be sent to gradprocessing@colorado.edu

Do I need to submit my University of Colorado Transcripts?

No. Your University of Colorado academic record can be accessed internally (from any campus attended). You will be contacted if there is an issue obtaining your CU record.

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Personal Statement

The Personal Statement prompt will be provided in the online application. The statement must be uploaded into the online application prior to submission.

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Three (3) Letters of Reference

Letters of reference should come from academic or professional sources.

Letters of reference may be submitted electronically. To do so, provide each recommender's name and e-mail address in the *Background Information* section of the application. **After submitting your application** your recommenders will receive an automated e-mail asking them to submit their recommendation on your behalf.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Your recommenders will not receive an e-mail requesting their letter of reference until *after* you have submitted the application. You must submit the application *before* the deadline to allow your recommenders time to write their recommendation. We suggest submitting your application a minimum of two weeks in advance of the deadline for this reason.

My recommender did not receive the e-mail request – what can they do?

If a recommender does not receive the e-mail requesting their letter of reference, they may e-mail their letter as a Word (.doc) or PDF attachment to gradprocessing@colorado.edu.

Is there a form, or prompt, for the Letter of Reference?

No. Letters should speak in support of the applicant's pursuit of a doctoral degree in education but there is no prescribed format.

Is it possible to submit a Letter of Reference by mail?

Yes. Although electronic submissions are preferred, paper letters may be mailed to the Graduate Admissions office. See [Submitting Application Materials](#) for address.

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Application Fee \$50

The nonrefundable application fee may be paid online by credit card, debit card, or electronic check when you submit your application. **Do not select to submit your application unless you are absolutely ready to pay the application fee.** If you select to submit the application but do not pay the application fee your application will go into an inactive status. Contact gradadm@colorado.edu to have this resolved. Application fees may also be paid by check. Follow the instructions in the application for submitting check payments.

Can the Application Fee be waived?

The School of Education does not waive application fees except for McNair Scholars. Visit the [McNair web site](#) for instructions on completing the fee waiver.

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GRE Scores

GRE Scores are required for *all* applicants to the doctoral program. The School of Education does not have a fixed minimum for GRE scores. Scores may not be more than five (5) years old.

The institutional code for submitting scores to CU-Boulder is 4841. A department code is *not* required.

I am registered to take the GRE after the application deadline – can I still apply?

Please apply at a future deadline. Due to reporting and processing timelines, the School of Education will not receive your scores until after the application cycle is completed.

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Miramontes Doctoral Scholars Application (If applicable)

Applicants to the doctoral program are automatically considered for [various funding packages](#). However, you must apply to be considered for the Miramontes Doctoral Scholars Program. This is the *only* funding package that requires a supplemental application.

Complete the Miramontes Scholarship Application under “Supplemental Documents” in the online application form.

Do I qualify for this program?

Review the [Miramontes Doctoral Scholars flyer](#) for more information.

Submitting Application Materials

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The CU Graduate Application for Admission and Personal Statement *must* be submitted online. Electronic submissions of letters of reference and the application fee are preferred. *Remember, if you are having letters of recommendation submitted electronically, you need to submit your application earlier than the deadline.*

Any materials not submitted electronically (i.e. transcripts) must be mailed to:

For standard mail

Graduate Admissions
University of Colorado Boulder
3100 Marine St Suite A122
553 UCB
Boulder, CO 80309-0553 USA

For overnight or express mail (FEDEX, UPS, DHL)

Graduate Admissions
University of Colorado Boulder
3100 Marine Street - 553 UCB
Bldg RL3 Suite A122
Boulder, CO 80303-1058 USA

Please, **DO NOT send materials directly to the School of Education** as this causes delays in processing and increases the chance that your materials may be lost.

Check Your Application Status Online

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You may track the status of your application by logging in to the [MyCUBoulder](#) portal with the username and password from your online application.

Checklist

Use the application checklist to verify that your materials have been received. The checklist will be updated regularly to reflect any materials that may be missing from your application.

What does “initiated” mean?

Initiated means the university has not received the corresponding requirement.

I submitted the required materials and my checklist is still incomplete!

Please allow up to two weeks for the checklist to update once the university has received your documents. If you apply on the date of the deadline, your application will not reflect as complete until after the deadline has passed. Typically, this does not disqualify your application from consideration.

My recommender never submitted my letter – what can I do?

You may request a letter of reference from a different recommender. Have them submit their letter to gradprocessing@colorado.edu.

Admission Decisions

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Admission decisions are typically mailed 8-10 weeks after the application deadline. All applicants will receive a letter from the School of Education informing them of their admission status via standard mail. We request that you do not contact the School of Education for updates on your acceptance status as this information is not available until the time that letters are mailed.

Questions

For application questions, contact the Office of Student Services in the School of Education:

E-Mail: edadvise@colorado.edu

Phone: (303) 492-6555

Fax: (303) 492-5839

Office hours are 8am – 5pm, Monday to Friday during the academic year and 7:30am – 4:30pm during the summer months.