Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure Application for CU Graduate Students

Application Instructions
We are excited that you are ready to pursue a career in education! This document will walk you through the process of applying to the Post-Baccalaureate (Post-BA) teacher licensure program for current CU graduate students. Please review each of the sections carefully to ensure your application is complete and submitted by the deadline. Keep in mind that some requirements will take longer than others to fulfill. Also, satisfying the minimum application criteria does not guarantee admission. Please plan accordingly.

Application Deadlines
All application materials must be submitted by 5 p.m. (mountain time) on the final deadline date in order to be considered for admission.

Spring start (all programs except social studies and English) – September 15th
Fall start (all programs) – February 1st

Please contact the School of Education at edadvise@colorado.edu if you are interested in applying after the application deadline.

Admission Criteria
To be eligible to apply for admission to the Post-BA program, applicants must meet all of the requirements below. Please note, satisfying the minimum criteria does not guarantee acceptance.

- Hold a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution of higher education, or will by the first day of classes for the term applied.
- Minimum of 2.75 GPA (on 4.0 scale) cumulatively among all institutions attended. Applicants to a Secondary (7-12) program must also have a 2.75 GPA in all content area coursework. Applicants to the K-12 Music program must have a 3.0 GPA in all content area coursework.
- A minimum of 25 clock hours of satisfactory, age-appropriate youth experience.
- (K-12 Music Only) Recommendation of the Music Education Chair: applicants must have the recommendation of Dr. Margaret Berg, the Music Education Chair in the College of Music. Contact Dr. Berg at Margaret.Berg@colorado.edu to schedule an audition.
Required Application Materials

- Application
- Official Transcripts
- Two (2) letters of recommendation
- Personal Statement
- 25 hours of verified Youth Experience in addition to the two (2) letters of recommendation

Complete Graduate Post-Baccalaureate Application
Please follow the instructions within the application and upload required documentation.

Please click the application link - Application

Fill out the application and print it

- Teaching Field – Choose from Elementary, Secondary Science, Secondary Math, Secondary Social Studies – Fall only, Secondary English – Fall only, French, German, Spanish, Japanese, Latin, Russian, or Music Education.
- Term Beginning – Spring 2018 or Fall 2018
- Current CU Boulder Graduate Program – Degree and program information
- List below all Higher Education Institutions and dates attended, including CU Boulder
- Sign and Date

Submit Official Transcripts to CU Boulder
CU Boulder should have all of you transcripts on file. You will be notified if transcripts are missing.

Submit two (2) letters of Recommendation
The Post-BA Application for Admission allows you to have letters of recommendation submitted electronically. To do so, provide the name and e-mail address of your recommenders in the application.

- We will accept letters from various sources:
  - If possible letters should come from college-level instructors who can speak to your academic competencies.
  - As a final option, letters may be written by an employer who can provide anecdotal evidence regarding: your written and oral communication skills, analytical reasoning, and/or the ability to read complex material. You should only obtain letters from an employer as a last option.
- We will not accept letters from a neighbor, friend, or relative.
- Letters of recommendation may not count towards the youth experience requirement. Youth Experience Verifications must be submitted as an additional application item.
Personal statement
The personal statement must be uploaded with your application when you apply. Your statement should be 1000 words and should address each of the following:

- Why do you want to become a (level/subject) teacher and why now?
- Description of a powerful learning experience in your life and how it might inform your own teaching in the future.
- Reflection on personal strengths (e.g. intellectual passion, academic abilities, disposition to work with youth and professional colleagues) and lived experiences that you will build upon to reach and teach all learners.

Youth Experience Verification
All applicants must submit documentation of 25 clock hours of age-appropriate youth interaction (Elementary: ages 5-12, Secondary: ages 11-18, Music: ages 5-18). The experience may be completed up to five (5) years prior to the term of enrollment. Experiences may be completed on a paid or volunteer basis. Hours may be documented on the Youth Experience Form and may not count at a letter of recommendation.

There are a number of ways to satisfy the youth experience requirement from tutoring, working with after school programs, summer camps, to coaching (and many others). Activities should be participatory, not observational. We do not accept any form of peer counseling performed in high school, any experiences supervised by a friend or relative, any experience involving your own children, child relatives, or a friend’s children.

Submitting Materials
All materials must be submitted in person or by mail to:

University of Colorado Boulder
School of Education Building Room 151
UCB 249
Boulder, Colorado 80309

Admission Decisions
Admission decisions are typically distributed eight weeks after the application deadline. The School of Education will send your official admission decision via e-mail. Please continue to check the e-mail account you provided on your application.

Questions
If you have questions about any of the instructions above, please contact the Office of Student Services in the School of Education. E-Mail: edadvise@colorado.edu  Phone: (303) 492-6555