

Thank you for your interest in the School of Education at the University of Colorado Boulder! We understand that the decision to pursue graduate 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.

Teacher Licensure. Please be aware that the MA program **does not** lead to teacher licensure in Colorado. If you are interested in becoming a licensed teacher, consider applying for one of our [teacher licensure programs](#) which have different application requirements and deadlines.

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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).

NOTE: Additional admission/application requirements may apply depending on the program or degree plan. These may include, but are not limited to, holding a valid teaching license or teaching experience. Review the admission requirements through the links below to confirm that you are eligible to apply for your intended program/degree.

Curriculum & Instruction

- [K-12 Humanities Education](#)
- [K-12 Mathematics & Science Education](#)
- [Literacy Education](#)

Educational Equity and Cultural Diversity

- [Linguistically Diverse Education](#)
- [Linguistically Diverse & Bilingual Special Education Generalist](#)
- [Multicultural/Bilingual Foundations of Education](#)

[Educational Foundations, Policy and Practice](#)

[Learning Sciences and Human Development](#)

Application Deadlines

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The School of Education accepts master’s applications for the Spring, Summer and Fall terms. **Application deadlines apply to all required materials.** *Other MA applicants will be considered on a monthly basis for available spaces only when their application is complete. The application will be closed for maintenance from March to July and we will not accept applications for Summer admission at that time. Please notify the department if you are submitting an application after the posted priority deadlines at edadvise@colorado.edu.*

	Domestic Applicants	International Applicants
Spring Admission	September 1*	September 1*
Summer Admission	February 1*	December 1*
Fall Admission	February 1*	December 1*

**Priority Application Deadline*

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

Required Application Materials

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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 Master’s 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 applying for in-state tuition status. Also, if you answer “yes” to the criminal history question, you must upload the *Criminal History Form* before submitting your application.

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 additional questions or technical issues write to graduate.admissions@colorado.edu.

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Transcripts

For review and decision purposes you are required to upload an **unofficial** copy of your transcript(s) in the online application. We require one copy of the scanned transcript from each undergraduate and graduate institution that you attended. This includes community colleges, summer sessions, and extension programs. While credits from one institution may appear on the transcript of a second institution, unofficial transcripts must be submitted from each institution, regardless of the length of attendance, and whether or not courses were completed. **Failure to list and submit transcripts from all institutions previously attended is considered to be a violation of academic ethics and may result in the cancellation of your admission or dismissal from the university.**

ONLY after you are recommended for admission will you need to provide official transcripts.

[Instructions for Uploading Unofficial Transcripts to Your Application](#)

Do I need to submit my University of Colorado transcripts?

No. The School of Education can pull your CU academic record internally (from any campus attended). You will be contacted if there is an issue obtaining your CU record.

Why do I need to submit all of my transcripts?

The School of Education evaluates cumulative GPA based upon an applicant's entire academic record (undergraduate, graduate, non-degree, etc...). Additionally, we may accept previous college-level coursework towards the Content Requirements on the *Requirement Checklists*. As evidence of your proficiency in a particular requirement, documentation is required.

3 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.

4 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 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 graduate 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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If admitted, please send official transcripts 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

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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 checklist says I need GRE scores but it is not a requirement for my program.

Upon submitting your application, a "standard" checklist will be viewable in MyCUBoulder. If requirements like GRE scores are not required, they will be removed after the application deadline.

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.

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Admission decisions are typically mailed 6-8 weeks after the application deadline. All applicants will receive a letter from the School of Education informing them of their admission status via email. 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.