



Department of Education

Master of Arts in Teaching – Licensure



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About Us

- Preparing high-quality K-12 teachers in a variety of disciplines for over 40 years
- Program responsive to candidates' interests and contemporary research:
 - Culturally Sustaining and Inclusive Pedagogies
 - Family and Community Engagement
 - Empowering Classroom Climate
 - Teachers as Leaders and Researchers
- A balance of academic rigor, theoretical foundations, and practical real-world experience beginning with a classroom practicum that transitions into four months of full-time classroom teaching.

What Sets Us Apart

- At the forefront of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism (DEIA), Creativity & Innovation, and sustainability within a college that prioritizes these values and practices.
- Recognized by the Colorado Department of Education as a leader in Culturally Relevant Pedagogy.
- Ranked the top teacher education program in Colorado by College Factual in 2022.
- Award-winning faculty recognized as national scholars, teachers, and change-makers
- Emphasis on integrating literacy and STEM across subject areas and grade levels.
- One-year program (18 months for students applying from outside CC).
- Strong support for teacher candidates, including a low faculty-to-student ratio and intentionally small cohorts. Our intimate approach encourages collaborative relationships and in-depth discussions.
- A capstone course, Teacher and Teaching Identities, designed for candidates to understand their social identities and how identity informs pedagogical choices.
- A Masters Research Project customized to each candidate's particular interests and goals.
- A cozy, dedicated campus home, called Mierow House, with 24/7 access for graduate students.

What You'll Learn

- Teacher Identity
- Content Integration
- Learning and Development
- Equity Pedagogy
- Prejudice Reduction
- Empowering Classroom Culture

Who You Could Be

- An elementary school teacher (K-6th grade)
- A K-12 teacher in one of these subject areas: art, music, languages (French, German, Latin, or Spanish)
- A secondary (middle and/or high school) teacher: English, math, science, or social studies
- Outdoor educator, environmental educator, or nonprofit program director
- Curriculum developer



About Our Graduates

Graduates from Colorado College's M.A.T. Licensure program have been recognized statewide and nationally for excellence in teaching.

- Colorado Teacher of the Year and finalist for U.S. National Teacher of the Year
- Colorado History Teacher of the Year
- Colorado Department of Education Future Educators Honor Roll
- Colorado College Faculty

After the M.A.T. Program

Our graduates work in a variety of schools and nonprofit and for-profit organizations locally, nationally, and globally.

Colorado Schools: District 1 (Denver), Boulder Valley School District, District 2 (Harrison), District 3 (Widefield), District 8 (Fountain Fort Carson), District 11 (Colorado Springs), District 12 (Cheyenne Mountain), District 14 (Manitou Springs), District 20 (Academy), District 38 (Monument), District RE-2 (Woodland Park)



National Schools: Boston Collegiate Charter School (Massachusetts), Pingree School (Massachusetts)

International Schools: Okinawa AMICUS International (Japan), Mtendere Village Primary School (Malawi)

Nonprofit and For Profit Organizations: Anderson Ranch (Colorado), Catamount Institute (Colorado), Juneau Icefield Research Program (Alaska), Poudre Learning Center (Colorado), Prison Math Project (Arizona), Zaner-Bloser (Ohio)

How to Apply

Complete the online M.A.T. application form on our website: www.coloradocollege.edu/education

- Colorado College students: complete an education major or education minor and major in one of the K-12 or secondary education subject areas.
- Students from outside Colorado College: complete four critical foundations classes before starting the M.A.T. program, including multicultural education, educational psychology, and culturally sustaining teaching.

If you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment, call (719) 389-6472 or email dmortenson@coloradocollege.edu.



Mission

The Education Department at Colorado College is committed to the pursuit of just and equitable education in our local communities and beyond. Through teaching, scholarship, and service, we co-generate creative spaces that actualize the relationship between learning and liberation.

Vision

The Education Department of Colorado College commits to teaching and practicing critical, sustainable, and liberatory pedagogies to benefit society, now and for future generations. In solidarity with those marginalized by oppressive systems, we strive to cultivate partnerships with local, national, and global stakeholders to foster transformative learning opportunities and critically minded educators. In support of this continuous work, we draw on interdisciplinary theory and method, value intergenerational and intercultural wisdom, and embrace creative problem-solving, self-reflection, and ongoing critical praxis.

Our Core Values

Collaboration Solidarity Creativity Liberation



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Colorado College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Colorado College is an equal opportunity employer committed to increasing the diversity of its community. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, gender identity or expression, disability, or sexual orientation in our educational programs and activities or our employment practices.