

Teacher Leadership program at CU Boulder

Online, stackable graduate certificates that lead to a full MA degree

To help teachers make a difference in their districts and communities, our innovative Teacher Leadership program offers graduate certificates that can lead to a master's degree. Our coursework threads reflective practices, content mastery and skill development so that students can practice leadership skills as they engage with the curriculum. We offer:



Fully online self-paced courses paired with real-time summer intensives where instructors and students meet together virtually.



A quick-enroll process and a six-month timeframe for finishing self-paced courses on your own schedule.



Affordable tuition with a simple pay-as-you-go model.



A supportive community of working educators.



Teaching Culturally/Linguistically Diverse Students

Interested in learning how to better engage with and support culturally and linguistically diverse students and families in your classrooms and schools? Our Teaching Culturally/Linguistically Diverse (CLD) Students certificate offers you key strategies and resources needed to teach emergent bilingual students in the classroom. Designed with the BUENO Center for Multicultural Education and current educators in Colorado, this certificate meets the new universal state requirements for all teachers to demonstrate 45 hours of professional preparation to work with CLD students.

- Intro to History, Policy and Advocacy for CLD (self-paced)
- Intro to Designing Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy (self-paced)
- Intro to Teaching CLD Learners (self-paced)
- CLD Capstone (real-time): The last course is a capstone that brings together all the curriculum in an online summer intensive that you take with your instructors and classmates.



Teacher and Social and Emotional Learning

We believe that social and emotional learning is possible at the heart of every classroom. The certificate in Teacher and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) can offer specific tools and resources to support your teaching and your students' learning. In order for teachers to help students become more aware and understanding of their own and others' emotions, teachers need to understand their own emotions as well. You will approach SEL from a variety of perspectives, including how distinct approaches to social and emotional learning curriculum might look and feel in the classroom, as well as how dynamics of race, class, geography, language, and culture affect SEL instruction.

- The Teacher in SEL: The Personal and the Professional (self-paced)
- SEL for Students: A Path to Social Emotional Well-Being (self-paced)
- Expanding SEL: Community and Youth-Empowerment (self-paced)
- CLD Capstone (real-time): The last course is a capstone that brings together all the curriculum in an online summer intensive that you take with your instructors and classmates.



Leading for Change in Science Assessment

In this certificate, teachers learn how to adapt, develop and pilot assessments that elicit students' integrated understanding of disciplinary core ideas and crosscutting concepts. You will learn strategies for eliciting students' interests and discovering how students' own identities can be leveraged in instruction. Although course materials draw on iHub secondary biology materials, the certificate is open to teachers of all age ranges. At the conclusion of the Capstone experience, the cohort of teachers will have a suite of piloted assessments and scoring guides that they can use in their classrooms and share with others.

- Envisioning Equitable Teaching and Learning in Science (self-paced)
- Designing Meaningful and Equitable Science Assessments (self-paced)
- Leadership in Creating Equitable Assessments in Science (self-paced)
- Assessment Capstone (real-time): The last course is a capstone that brings together all the curriculum in an online summer intensive that you take with your instructors and classmates.



Cultivating Compassion and Dignity in Ourselves and Our Schools

Through this certificate, we will prepare you to lead efforts to promote compassion and dignity in schools by providing resources for caring for yourselves and for cultivating compassion for students, families, your school community and colleagues. The courses prioritize ways in which educators can see and feel their own daily teaching practices, struggles, constraints and joys reflected in the curriculum. The embedded compassion practices embedded support equity goals of creating safe and inclusive schools that challenge racism and promote justice. The certificate was co-designed by the Renée Crown Wellness Institute and the Compassion Institute.

- Compassion & Dignity for Educators (self-paced)
- Self-Compassion and Dignity (self-paced)
- Compassion in its Fullness (self-paced)
- Compassion Capstone (real-time): The last course is a capstone that brings together all the curriculum in an online summer intensive that you take with your instructors and classmates.