

# ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6 LICENSURE) With ADDED CLDE ENDORSEMENT

Bachelor of Arts in Education and Human Development (B.A.)  
Catalog Year 2026 -2027

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Education and Human Development major focuses on engaging Colorado's rapidly diversifying student and family population. It combines cutting-edge research with real classroom experiences. You'll learn from innovative faculty members who are locally, nationally, and internationally recognized for their research in elementary education. They will provide you with a robust knowledge base and relevant learning experiences in children's thinking, culturally responsive education, and supporting English language learners, as well as technology as it relates to teaching children in grades kindergarten through sixth grade. You'll engage in powerful classroom experiences and benefit from our rich 20-year history of partnerships with local school districts.

We will prepare you to become a highly effective, innovative, and compassionate elementary teacher skilled in improving student performance and reaching the needs of today's diverse learners in a variety of school settings. You will have the skills to be a teacher leader. CU Denver graduates often go on to acquire positions in educational leadership as their careers progress.

A unique feature of this pathway is that you will be able to add a Culturally Linguistically Diverse Education, CLDE, endorsement to your credentials. Essentially, you will leave this program with both the Elementary Education License and CLDE Endorsement. This means you are prepared to teach K-6 students and students who are culturally & linguistically diverse, making you highly employable and desirable to schools!

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

The School of Education & Human Development (SEHD) requires all students to meet with their Academic Advisor several times a year to develop and learn more about their own individualized plan of study.

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## GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

To receive a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado Denver, students must satisfy all of the requirements below, in addition to completing a Major and fulfilling all of their School or College requirements.

1. A minimum of 120 credit hours is required to graduate from CU Denver with a bachelor's level degree.
2. A minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA is required for all University of Colorado coursework.
3. Satisfactory completion of the CU Denver Core Curriculum.

In addition to the general university graduation requirements listed above, all SEHD students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements:

1. Students must earn a final grade of at least a C (2.0) in major courses and a B- (2.7) or above in designated major courses and Professional Year Residency courses within the major. These courses/requirements must be repeated if the student fails to earn the grade required.
2. Students must complete required classroom-based field experiences.
3. Students must complete all program assessments and professional milestones as outlined in the Student Handbook. For teacher education licensure students, this includes meeting Colorado Department of Education content competency requirements.
4. Students must complete all requirements associated with their SEHD major.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

**Students are responsible for meeting with the academic advisor in the School of Education & Human Development to confirm major requirements.** Students completing the Education and Human Development BA degree in Elementary Education (EDHD – Elementary Education) are required to complete the minimum program requirements below.

1. Students must complete a minimum total of 126 semester hours for the EDHD Elementary Education Track.
2. Students must meet the Colorado Department of Education content competency requirements through approved Multiple Measures or by passing the appropriate Praxis.
3. Application to the last year of the program, the Professional Year Residency is required. After successfully completing all other Core, major, and elective courses, all students must apply for admission into the Professional Year. Requirements for admission include a 3.0 GPA, positive letters of recommendation, successful evaluations of earlier clinical experiences, and a successful interview. (Students with a lower GPA may be considered under certain conditions. Please see SEHD website.)
4. A minimum GPA of 2.0, grade of C or better, is required for all major courses applying to EDHD - Elementary Education requirements unless otherwise specified.
5. Students must complete and maintain a 3.0 minimum grade point average in Professional Year coursework to complete licensure requirements. Please see an advisor for more information on this requirement.
6. Transfer courses must be approved by faculty and/or advisor to apply to the major.

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Courses	Credits	Notes
<b>* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *</b>		
<b>CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</b>	<b>34 - 37</b>	<a href="#">CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</a>
<b>EDHD – Elementary Education Requirements</b>	<b>54</b>	
INTE 2000 Digital Teaching and Learning	3	
HDFR 1010 or 2110 or 3050	3	Choose one course
CLDE 2000 Foundations of Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Edu	3	‡ CLDE Endorsement Course
MTED 3040 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers	3	† Education Licensure Course
EDFN 4010 Social Foundations & Cultural Diversity in Urban Education	3	*Prerequisite: 27+ credit hours completed; † Education Licensure Course
SPED 4300 Family, Professional, and Community Collaboration	3	*Prerequisite: 57+ credit hours completed
SPED 4400 Universal Design for Learning (UDL)	3	*Prerequisite: 57+ credit hours completed
CLDE 4020 Responsive Classroom Communities	3	*Prerequisites: EDFN 4010, 40+ credit hours completed. † Education Licensure Course; ‡ CLDE Endorsement Course
CLDE 3680 Span for Educ or CLDE 4824 Methods of Bilingual Educ	3	‡ CLDE Endorsement or Bilingual Endorsement Course
CLDE 4700 Social Studies for Multicultural Learners	3	*Prerequisite: 40+ credit hours completed; ‡ CLDE Endorsement Course
EDFN 1000 or LCRT 2000 or LCRT 3815	3	Choose one course
<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Community-Based</b>	<b>3</b>	§ Clinical Field Experience
EDHD 1930 Community Based Field Experience & Seminar	3	. § Clinical Field Experience;
<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Learning &amp; Development</b>	<b>9</b>	*Prerequisites: EDHD 1930; § Clinical Field Experience Block
EDHD 2930 Learning & Development Field Experience & Seminar	3	† Education Licensure Course; ‡ CLDE Endorsement Course. § Clinical Field Experience Block
LCRT 3720 Introduction to Writing Development & Teaching	3	§ Clinical Field Experience Block
LCRT 4000 Elementary Literacy Instruction & Assessment PK-2	3	‡ CLDE Endorsement Course; § Clinical Field Experience Block
<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Diverse Learners</b>	<b>9</b>	*Prerequisites: EDHD 2930; § Clinical Field Experience Block
EDHD 3930 Diverse Learners Field Experience & Seminar	3	† Education Licensure Course; § Clinical Field Experience Block
CLDE 3830 Culturally & Linguistically Responsive Teaching in STEM	3	‡ CLDE Endorsement Course; § Clinical Field Experience Block
SPED 4030 Understanding (dis)Ability in Contemporary Classrooms	3	† Education Licensure Course; § Clinical Field Experience Block
<b>Estimated General Electives</b>	<b>7 - 10</b>	General Elective credits will vary; consult with advisor
<b>Professional Year Courses</b>	<b>31</b>	Professional Year (separate admission required; see note below)
LCRT 4710 Primary Literacy for Diverse Learners Pre K - 3rd Grade	3	† Education Licensure Course; ‡ CLDE Endorsement Course.    Professional Year
LCRT 4001 Elementary Literacy Instruction & Assessment 3rd-6th	3	† Education Licensure Course; ‡ CLDE Endorsement Course.    Professional Year
MTED 4002 Elementary Mathematics Teaching I	3	† Education Licensure Course;    Professional Year
MTED 4003 Elementary Mathematics Teaching II	3	† Education Licensure Course;    Professional Year
SCED 4004 Elementary and Middle School Science Methods	3	† Education Licensure Course;    Professional Year
UEDU 4040 Planning for Learning	3	† Education Licensure Course;    Professional Year
UEDU 4050 Capstone: Planning, Learning & Assessment	3	† Education Licensure Course;    Professional Year
UEDU 4931 Internship & Learning Community I (K-3)	2	† Education Licensure Course;    Professional Year
UEDU 4932 Internship & Learning Community II (3-6)	2	† Education Licensure Course;    Professional Year
UEDU 4933 Internship & Learning Community III (K-6)	6	† Education Licensure Course;    Professional Year
<b>Total Program Hours:</b>	<b>126</b>	

† **Education Licensure Course:** requires minimum grade of B- or higher

‡ **CLDE Endorsement Course:** in order to earn the CLDE endorsement, this course requires a minimum grade of B- or higher

§ **Clinical Field Experience Block:**

- All courses in a clinical field experience block must be taken together, in the same semester
- Field experience paperwork deadlines:
  - Fall placement = 4/1 Priority deadline; 4/15 Final deadline
  - Spring placement = 11/1 Priority deadline; 11/15 Final deadline

|| **Professional Year:** Admission to Professional Year required

- Requirements for admission to Professional Year include:
  - A minimum GPA of 3.0 in major coursework
  - Successful completion of all other coursework (including Core, major, and elective requirements)
  - Successful completion of the application and interview process
- Professional Year application deadlines:
  - Fall start = 2/15 deadline
  - Spring start = 10/1 deadline

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## SAMPLE ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY

The following academic plan is a *sample* pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences regarding course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double majors. Consult an academic advisor to develop an individualized plan of study. **Students deviating from this plan must fulfill course prerequisites and meet with their department's academic advisor to confirm degree requirements.**

*\*Note: Many required courses are also available in summer semesters.*

### Year One

Fall	CRS
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3
CU Denver Core Arts	3
CU Denver Core Humanities	3
CLDE 2000 / SEHD Learning Community	3
MTED 3040	3
General Elective – UNIV 1110 / SEHD Learning Community	1
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

Spring	CRS
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 1010 <i>recommended</i>	3
CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
EDFN 1000 or LCRT 2000 or LCRT 3815	3
<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Community-Based</b>	
EDHD 1930	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

### Year Two

Fall	CRS
HDFR 1010 or 2110 or 3050	3
INTE 2000	3
CU Denver Core Social Sciences	3
CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3
CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab	3
General Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

Spring	CRS
EDFN 4010	3
CLDE 3680 or CLDE 4824	3
<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Learning &amp; Development</b>	
EDHD 2930	3
LCRT 3720	3
LCRT 4000	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

### Year Three

Fall	CRS
SPED 4400	3
CLDE 4700	3
<b>Clinical Field Experience Block: Diverse Learners</b>	
EDHD 3930	3
CLDE 3830	3
SPED 4030	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring	CRS
CLDE 4020	3
CU Denver Core International Perspectives	3
SPED 4300	3
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
General Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

**In second semester of year three, apply for admission to Professional Year. Deadlines for Professional Year application are 2/15 for Fall start or 10/1 for Spring start.**

### Year Four: Professional Year

Fall	CRS
LCRT 4710	3
UEDU 4040	3
MTED 4002	3
SCED 4004	3
UEDU 4931	2
UEDU 4932	2
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

Spring	CRS
UEDU 4050	3
LCRT 4001	3
MTED 4003	3
UEDU 4933	6
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

**After graduation, apply for a teaching license through the Colorado Department of Education.**