



# Are You Ready to Make a Difference?

*How to Become a Teacher When You Already Have a Bachelor's Degree*



## Pathways to Teaching

If you already have a bachelor's degree, you can earn your initial teaching license, which you will need to teach in Colorado public schools, in one of three ways. All three options typically take students at least 18-24 months to complete and are available through four-year colleges and universities.

- **Graduate Degrees with Initial Teacher Licensure**  
*Some Master's programs offer initial teaching licensure in addition to a graduate degree in education. Having your Master's degree means you will start teaching at a higher salary.*
- **Post-Baccalaureate**  
*Enroll in undergraduate-level courses to receive just your initial teaching license.*
- **Alternative Licensure**  
*In these programs, you start teaching in a participating school district while completing teacher licensure coursework at night/on the weekends. Often designed for individuals who can teach high-needs subjects (math, science, etc.).*

## Is Teaching Right for You?

- Use the US Department of Labor's occupational information website (<http://online.onetcenter.org/find/>) to learn more about the profession.
- Talk to educators or visit a classroom at a school where you have connections (your former school, your child's school).
- Take *EDU 221: Introduction to Education* at FRCC to explore the US public education system and teaching as a career.

## Want to Learn More?

- Check out the programs at the public colleges and universities in the area. (See below for list of local programs.)
- Although Front Range Community College does not offer teacher licensure, if you need lower-division course work, we're here to help! You can contact an FRCC-Westminster advisor by calling (303) 404-5438.

Colorado State University	Post-Bacc: <a href="http://soe.cahs.colostate.edu/Licensure/PostBachelor.aspx">soe.cahs.colostate.edu/Licensure/PostBachelor.aspx</a> M.Ed. + Licensure: <a href="http://www.soe.cahs.colostate.edu/Graduate/MEd/EL/Default.aspx">www.soe.cahs.colostate.edu/Graduate/MEd/EL/Default.aspx</a>
Metro State College of Denver	All Programs, including Teacher in Residence: <a href="http://www.mscd.edu/~ted">www.mscd.edu/~ted</a>
Regis University	Post-Bacc: <a href="http://www.regis.edu/regis.asp?sctn=cpedcn&amp;p1=ap&amp;p2=ed">www.regis.edu/regis.asp?sctn=cpedcn&amp;p1=ap&amp;p2=ed</a> M.Ed. + Licensure: <a href="http://www.regis.edu/regis.asp?sctn=cpedcn&amp;p1=ap&amp;p2=med&amp;p3=medlc">www.regis.edu/regis.asp?sctn=cpedcn&amp;p1=ap&amp;p2=med&amp;p3=medlc</a>
University of Colorado at Boulder	Post-Bacc: <a href="http://www.colorado.edu/education/prospective/postba.html">www.colorado.edu/education/prospective/postba.html</a> M.A. + Licensure: <a href="http://www.colorado.edu/education/prospective/maplus.html">www.colorado.edu/education/prospective/maplus.html</a>
University of Colorado at Denver	All Programs: <a href="http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/SchoolOfEducation/Academics">www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/SchoolOfEducation/Academics</a>
University of Denver	All Programs, including alternative licensure: <a href="http://www.du.edu/education/programs/tep/">www.du.edu/education/programs/tep/</a>
University of Northern Colorado	Post-Bacc: <a href="http://www.unco.edu/cebs/teachered/postbac.html">www.unco.edu/cebs/teachered/postbac.html</a> All Programs, including graduate programs: <a href="http://www.unco.edu/cebs/">www.unco.edu/cebs/</a>