The Center for Teacher Education offers licensure programs in Elementary, Secondary, K-12, and Early Childhood. An initial license to teach in public schools in the State of Colorado requires each teacher candidate to complete a degree including a sequence of professional education courses that includes extensive field experience in classrooms. Teaching licensure coursework and field experiences are completed through the Center for Teacher Education, while the content degree coursework is completed through the academic department of the discipline area, with both departments coordinating to assist teacher candidates in completing the program. Formal admission to the Center for Teacher Education is required of all students expecting to obtain a Colorado Educator License in any teaching field.

In addition to the Bachelor’s programs that lead to a teaching license, for students who already possess an undergraduate degree, The Center for Teacher Education offers an intensive, post-baccalaureate pathway to a teaching license through Initial Teacher Licensure programs (See Graduate Programs in Education below).

The Center for Teacher Education also offers added endorsement, graduate programs in Special Education and Principal Licensure. These graduate, endorsement programs may be completed as graduate certificates or applied towards a Master of Arts in Education (See Graduate Programs in Education below).

In order to complete all licensure requirements in a timely manner it is important that students contact the Center as soon as possible after enrolling at Colorado Mesa University. For information on the graduate and/or MA programs, see the Graduate Programs section.

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