

EPB FAQS

1. Do you have programs online? No, sorry. The Elementary Post Bac Program meets nearly in all face to face settings for one year.
2. How long do the programs take to complete? One year, from late April (Denver/Colorado Springs-we hope to start Colorado Springs in 2010) or mid-May (Greeley/ Loveland) to May of the following year. Then the Master of Arts in Teaching program is an additional five courses and must be completed within five years of your original application date.
3. Do you require the GRE or any other entrance exam for admittance? The Graduate School Policy is to have a 3.0 GPA on your last 60 credits, if you do not meet that requirement they ask that you take the GRE and score above a 900 on the verbal and quantitative sections combined.
4. If so, what is your average GRE score and GPA? Above
5. When does the next program begin? Above
6. What are the schedules like? (all schedules are subject to change)

Denver-

Summer Schedule

Friday nights, Saturdays, and Sundays from the last weekend in April to mid August.

Fridays from 5:15 to 9:15, Saturday and Sundays from 8:30-5:30.

Fall Schedule

Tuesday and Thursday nights, 5:15-9:15 and Saturdays from 8:30-5:30. You will also be responsible for 2 days a week in your practicum assignment. Many students choose to do theirs on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Spring Schedule

16 weeks of Student Teaching beginning in mid January. You will take your Spring Break the week of your host school's Spring Break.

Colorado Springs-Program Pending Approval

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Spring Schedule

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Greeley-

Summer Schedule

M-Thursday (with a couple of Fridays in May) from 8-5. Mid May to Mid August.

Fall

Courses on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8-5 and two 8 hour days a week at your practicum.

Spring Schedule

16 weeks of Student Teaching beginning in mid January. You will take your Spring Break the week of your host school's Spring Break.

Loveland-

Summer Schedule

M-Thursday (with a couple of Fridays in May) from 8-5. Mid May to Mid August.

Fall

Courses on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-5 and two 8 hour days a week at your practicum.

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7. What are the policies on missing a class?

The condensed time period of this program makes every day and every class an important, do not miss meeting. If an absence occurs the student will need to contact their professor to communicate why the absence occurred or will occur and the professor will have the authority to assign additional work or have the absence reflected in the grade for the class.

8. May I count prior experience (like substitute teaching or classroom hours) for my field experiences like practicum and student teaching? No. You must complete your field experiences after you have taken your methods and content courses in the summer and fall semesters to have the knowledge base in place to utilize, practice, and apply your new skills in a field experience.

9. Can I get paid while doing my practicum or student teaching? Generally the only way to get paid in these experiences is to have a full time position in a classroom for the entire semester. The principal of the school would need to be your Cooperating Teacher. While this is a possibility, it is a long shot for student teaching and virtually impossible for practicum.

10. Can I have a field experience in the same school that my children attend or family members work?

It is of utmost importance that your field experiences are done in environments where you have only one role, that of a teacher. If you have additional roles as parents it may convolute your experience and learning. You may work in the same building, but not the same classroom.

11. What is the general time commitment for Graduate Level courses?

Your courses meet for a total of 40 contact hours for a three credit course. You can generally count on 1 hours of homework for every 1 hour of class.

12. How much do books and other supplies cost?

Books vary from class to class. They may range from \$15-\$100. If you put aside around \$1700 this should cover your books, supplies, and application materials. Many students buy their books used online and compare prices.

13. I know the coursework begins in the Summer semester, what may I do between now and then to prepare?

There are a few things:

If you have time please submit your complete unofficial (must have all grades-including transfer courses) to Jon to have the Liberal Arts Courses checked. If you are missing any of these courses, you may have time to take them before the program begins. Liberal Arts Courses are necessary for your teaching license and are required by the Colorado Department of Education. If you cannot take these courses prior to the program, you may take them during or after the program as soon as possible. They are required for licensure and are as follow:

English Composition (Must have a B or better)*Must be completed prior to student teaching

Laboratory Science (Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics/Physical Science)

Mathematics (non-remedial)

Humanities (Visual or Performing Arts, Literature, Foreign Language, Philosophy)

History (United States, Colorado, World)

Social Sciences (2 courses-Geography, American Government/civics, Economics)

2nd Social Science Course

Another thing you may do prior to the program beginning is to work in Elementary School settings. Being a volunteer, substitute teacher, or tutor may be a great way to work on classroom management, time management, and to find out what grade level is your first choice.

14. Where are the campuses? Please see the Office of Extended Studies website at <http://www.unco.edu/extendedstudies/extended/current/maps.html> for information on our Denver (Lowry), Loveland (Centerra), and Colorado Springs campuses. For a map of the UNC campus in Greeley (for the Greeley cohort) please go to <http://www.unco.edu/unemap/>.

15. How can I find out more information? If you explore the www.uncpostbac.com website you will see information for prospective and current students. You may want to explore the current student information to see things like the Orientation Handbook, Practicum Handbook, and other interesting information. You may also ask us questions via email, phone, or in person.

If you have any additional questions regarding the program please let us know.