

# CENTER *for* URBAN EDUCATION

## What is the University of Northern Colorado Center for Urban Education?

The Center is an elementary teacher preparation program that leads students to a Bachelor's degree and Colorado teacher licensure.

But it's more than that – it's a place where traditional scholarship meets a rich real-world experience in a metropolitan-area school classroom – a place where students find a home for learning and growing as teaching professionals.

That happens because Center students work with elementary school students and their teachers, developing instructional skills on a daily basis.

## Who are Center for Urban Education students?

Our current 200-plus students are rich in variety and include:

- Recent high school graduates.
- More mature individuals who have been away from school for quite some time.

## The one thing they have in common?

A desire to work with children right away and to learn how to be the best teacher they can be.

## What makes the Center different from other teacher prep programs?

It's a work-and-learn program. Here's what we mean:

### CLASSROOM APPRENTICESHIP

- You'll spend your mornings in a classroom teacher apprenticeship position – all four years.

- You'll receive pay as well as college credit.
- You'll be mentored by a retired master teacher who offers guidance and support for the classroom apprenticeship experience during all four years of your program.

That means you'll be part of the school environment as a working, contributing staff members while you complete their college education.

### ACADEMIC CLASSES

You'll major in a liberal arts program with a concentration in English and literacy that gives you a broad foundation for teaching and learning with your future students.



## How can I learn more?

Just ask. We'll tell you more and help you decide if the Center's unique program is for you.

## Here's what you'll do:

- Spend your afternoons in academic classes at the Center.
- Focus on one academic class at a time, permitting you to complete course requirements for a math, English or history class, for example, in five weeks.
- Come away from each classroom experience richer in what you've learned because you're focused more clearly on the work at hand.
- Immediately start taking classes to learn how to teach all subject areas to children and not wait until your junior and senior years as in most teacher prep programs.
- Bring what you learn in the teaching methods classes into your apprenticeship classroom immediately – putting into practice what you learn and seeing for yourself what works.
- Take advantage of special seminars in educational technology and classroom management techniques, tapping instructional resources found in the metropolitan area along with a variety of helpful learning experiences.

## Is the Center for Urban Education for me?

YES! If you're ready to take on the challenge of earning a bachelor of arts degree and becoming a master teacher – one who will do everything in your power for the good of the students who will be entrusted to you.

It will be your commitment and our program that will make this happen.



**Why should I consider the Center?**

- Admission is open to high school graduates of any age.
- Multi-disciplinary courses focus on literacy and teacher development.
- Academic classes are presented in a concentrated block format.
- Students are paid employees in an elementary classroom apprenticeship every morning.
- College courses are held in the afternoon at the Center.
- Teaching methods courses are introduced immediately in the first semester.
- Tuition, fees and books are affordable and an excellent investment in your future.
- Financial aid, scholarships and student loans are available for qualified students.



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