



Graduate School

Educational Studies

Doctorate of Education



Leaders of Change in Education

UNC students lead the way in education. Bringing together diverse students from all over the world, the Doctorate in Educational Studies prepares professionals for diverse leadership opportunities in K-12 and higher education. As a graduate, you'll be uniquely qualified to tackle the complex challenges facing educators today. UNC's Educational Studies

program focuses on improving education systems, and offers a rigorous curriculum delivered by seasoned education professionals. You'll learn innovative ways to apply theory and research to solve real-life problems. You'll also have valuable opportunities to build professional and personal relationships with faculty and peers, in a highly collaborative and supportive learning environment.

Career Pathway

The Educational Studies, Ed.D. program prepares graduates to assume the following roles:

- University faculty members
- Educational leaders in school districts and state and federal agencies
- District-level curriculum specialists
- Leaders in nonprofit and private sectors

Degree Options

Designed to meet the needs of working professionals and full-time graduate students, we offer the degree in a combination of face-to-face and online course delivery options:

- On Campus
- Online
- Hybrid including online and on-campus courses

Program Details

- Greeley Campus Delivery: classes start Fall, Spring and Summer semesters
- Online and Hybrid Deliveries: location and start term varies, more at [EXTENDED.UNCO.EDU](https://extended.unco.edu)
- Credits Required: 64
- Time to completion: Four to five years

go.unco.edu/ed-study-edd

Related Programs

- Educational Leadership, Ed.D.
- Educational Psychology, Ph.D.
- School Psychology, Ph.D.

Cost and Value

Tuition rates are based on the 2021-22 Academic Year:

Colorado Resident Tuition: \$685 per credit hour plus fees.

Nonresident Tuition: \$1,296 per credit hour plus fees.

Extended Campus: \$618 per credit hour.

UNC is regularly called out as a top value for both resident and nonresident students, and the university offers financial aid packages for qualified students. For more information, visit [UNCO.EDU/COSTS](https://unco.edu/costs).

What Students Say

“The Educational Studies hybrid doctoral program at UNC has added depth and a critical lens to my work as a public school administrator. I have developed a solid foundation in educational theory and philosophy and am confident that my research interests will increase the professional capacity of my staff in my building. This program has given me perspective as I approach issues of equity and advocacy, increasing my own capacity as an instructional leader. The faculty has been tremendous in helping me grow as learner and leader. Thank you, UNC!”

-Matt Thompson, current online student and local elementary school principal

Financing your Education

UNC offers a variety of financial support options, including:

- Several competitive graduate assistantships
- Colorado resident tuition for students from 15 western states is offered through the Western Regional Graduate Program. To see if you qualify visit [UNCO.EDU/GRADUATE-SCHOOL/FUNDING/WESTERN-REGIONAL-GRADUATE-PROGRAM.ASPX](https://unco.edu/graduate-school/funding/western-regional-graduate-program.aspx)
- For more information contact Financial Aid at [UNCO.EDU/OFA](https://unco.edu/ofa).

Faculty Spotlight

Christy McConnell, Ph.D

Christy Moroye, Ph.D., is an outdoors and arts enthusiast whose hobbies have fueled her research in ecological and aesthetic perspectives of education. She is also interested in how teachers develop inspirational curriculum for their students. Recent related publications include “Curriculum disruption: A vision for new practices in teaching and learning” and “Aesthetic, Spiritual, and Flow Experiences: Contrasts and Educational Implications.” She served as associate and co-editor of *Curriculum and Teaching Dialogue*, the journal of the American Association for Teaching and Curriculum.

Program Contact

Christy McConnell, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Foundation
and Curriculum Studies
christine.mcconnell@unco.edu
970-351-2438

Kayleen Allen
Graduate Admissions Counselor
kayleen.allen@unco.edu
970-351-1711

About UNC Graduate School

The University of Northern Colorado, founded in 1889, is Colorado's right-sized doctoral research university, serving a diverse student body around the world. Given its size, program mix, and mission, UNC offers students the access and opportunities of a small college along with the nationally recognized programs, research funding and facilities that come with being a leading U.S. university. Students seeking preparation for a world (and workplace) full of opportunities and options, complexities and cultures, diversity and demands, will find faculty mentors and excited fellow students to engage with here at UNC.



UNC

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

Graduate School

[UNCO.EDU/GRADUATE-SCHOOL](https://unco.edu/graduate-school)