Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Education
Master of Arts in Teaching or Endorsement

There is a critical shortage of teachers, both mainstream and specialists, who can teach second language learners. The endorsement prepares teachers to differentiate instruction for English learners, while providing a strong foundation for teaching content areas and literacy and numeracy for all students.

We prepare teachers to use the WIDA/Colorado English Language Proficiency standards framework which helps teachers understand how to develop academic language for learning academic content and general academic skills for educational success.

Career Pathway
Increase your value in today’s diverse educational environment
As the population of multilingual learners in the country and internationally continues to grow, schools increasingly seek teachers licensed to work with CLD students. The majority of our graduates have promotions or new jobs in place upon completion of their program due to the high demand for teachers with these credentials.

Delivery Options—UNC Extended Campus
This online program is accredited the same as our on-campus programs, and designed to be more accessible for students who have employment and/or family commitments that preclude participating in a full-time on-campus experience. The University of Northern Colorado School of Teacher Education coordinates with UNC Extended Campus to bring this program to you online.

Online at EXTENDED.UNCO.EDU

Program Snapshot
Required credits: The CLD endorsement is 24 credits and can be completed in five terms.

- The MAT is 30 credits and can be completed in five terms.
- Time to Completion: 5 terms
- Enrollment Options: New Cohorts start every Summer.
- Districts can request hybrid course delivery for new Cohorts.

ADD A TESOL GRADUATE CERTIFICATE WITH ONE ADDITIONAL COURSE
You can add the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) graduate certificate with just one additional course: ECLD 610.

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Coursework for the Endorsement

The eight courses required to qualify for the Culturally & Linguistically Diverse (CLD) endorsement from the Colorado Department of Education are:

- ECLD 592 Second Language Acquisition Theory (3)
- ECLD 593 Language, School, and Society (3)
- ECLD 594 Foundations of Language and Linguistics for ESL/Bilingual Teachers (3)
- ECLD 602 Teaching Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Learners (3)
- ECLD 603 Methods and Assessment in Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Education (3)
- ECLD 604 Field Experience in Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Education (3)
- ECLD 605 Seminar in Multilingual Teaching and Learning (3)
- EDRD 523 Reading and Writing in the Content Areas (3)

Add a TESOL Graduate Certificate with One Additional Course:

- ECLD 610 Practices in ESL/EFL Instruction and Assessment (4)

Coursework for the Continued MA in Teaching

To earn the Master of Arts in Teaching with emphasis in CLD (MAT-CLD), a total of eleven courses are required. In addition to the 24 credits required for the CLD Endorsement, students are required to take the two courses below:

- ECLD 606 Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Learners in the U.S. Educational System (3)
- SRM 600 Introduction to Graduate Research (3)

Your personal program may vary slightly from the above, depending on your previous education and other professional qualifications. This will be determined in consultation with your academic advisor, sometime shortly after you have been admitted to the program.

Cost and Value

This is an Extended Campus program, which means:

- A flat per-credit tuition rate for all students (in-state or out-of-state)
- There are no student fees—they are incorporated into our flat tuition rate
- Certain courses may carry specific course fees for additional services and materials
- The 2017–2018 tuition for this program is $495 per credit hour.

Recognized as a top value for both resident and nonresident students, UNC offers financial aid packages for qualified students.

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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 from 58 Colorado counties, 47 states and 34 countries. 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—home of Higher Education at Eye Level.