INTRODUCTION

Candidates who complete the CLDE MA with CLDE and BES endorsements will leave the program(s) with greater understandings of crucial ideas and skills, including:

- Asset-based, positive dispositions toward bilingual students, their linguistic practices, their families, and their communities
- Critically informed perspectives on the history, laws, and social forces shaping the education of bilingual students in Colorado
- Linguistic analysis of English and Spanish
- Theories of language, bilingualism, and second language acquisition

Theories and practices to support access to rigorous content for bilingual students, to improve assessment and its application to instruction for bilingual students, and to leverage students’ bilingualism in teaching.

Recommendations for endorsements are made by the CLDE Program, but endorsement is granted by the State of Colorado. Individual state requirements vary and may include teaching experience and examinations in addition to a valid teaching credential. Students should consult with the Colorado Department of Education (http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/licensure_authorization_landing/) (CDE) or another state in which they wish to be endorsed for the most updated endorsement requirements.

Per CDE requirements, the Bilingual Education Specialist Endorsement must be obtained after or in conjunction with the Endorsement in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education (CLDE). Students can concurrently complete the CLDE MA with both the CLDE and BES endorsements.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND COURSES

To complete the CLDE MA with Bilingual endorsement students must complete the appropriate course work as outlined in the tables. All courses require a grade of B- or better to count to the MA or endorsement and a 3.0 minimum GPA is required for graduation. If necessary, courses may be retaken for a better grade.

COURSE SCHEDULING

Because some classes are scheduled through the Modern Languages Department (Spanish), students should work with their Faculty Advisor about course selection and scheduling.

PLANNING

For practicing full-time teachers, we recommend taking one course each fall and spring semester and up to two courses each summer. Some courses are offered only once per year.

ACTIVE STATUS

Students must complete their programs within seven years, maintaining a GPA of 3.0. Students typically take four courses each calendar year. Failure to enroll over three contiguous semesters will result in a requirement to submit readmission materials.