



PK-12 Educators Program Checklist

To ensure that you are equipped to reach any goals you may have of becoming a licensed PK-12 educator in your chosen state, please discuss the following items with your JIU Admissions Counselor. To show that you have read and understand each item on the list, please sign, date and fax this Program Checklist to your JIU Admissions Counselor prior to admission at 303.799.0966.

- I know that JIU confers degrees, but each individual state, not JIU, makes the decision as to whether or not I will be licensed as a teacher, principal or administrator.
- I know how to find, have thoroughly reviewed and will continue to review the licensure requirements of my state's department of education. Because each state's department of education has different and changing requirements, I know that I am responsible for understanding and following the steps that I must take to become a licensed teacher, principal or administrator in my state.
- I know that I may be required to pass state-specific assessment exams to become a licensed teacher, principal or administrator in my state. I know that I am responsible for knowing about and passing any exams that are required in my state.
- I know that I must be endorsed in a specific content area (elementary education, English, mathematics, etc.) to become a licensed teacher in my state. I know that my bachelor's degree must be aligned with a state-approved endorsement area. I know, as well, that endorsement areas vary from state to state.
- I know that, to be enrolled in the JIU School of Education MEd degree programs, I must hold an earned bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Likewise, to be enrolled in the JIU School of Education EdD degree programs, I must also hold an earned master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
- I agree and acknowledge that I must submit to a FBI background check to participate in any K-12 Education Program at JIU. Since the FBI background check takes up to twelve weeks for completion, I agree to apply for the FBI background check as soon possible upon admission to JIU. I also acknowledge that I will be dismissed from the program for incomplete documents if my FBI background check is not on file in the Registrar's Office by the time I complete two classes or sixteen weeks (whichever comes first). Students with a criminal background should contact the School of Education for further discussion regarding their suitability for K-12 Education. If you have a current license that is less than 2 years old, the FBI background check is not mandatory.
- I know that my particular state might have specific course requirements that are not met by the JIU School of Education (e.g., a course on state history).
- I know that JIU created its PK-12 educator programs in accord with Colorado law and the rules of the Colorado State Board of Education (CSBE). I know that Colorado law, CSBE rules and JIU policies may be different than the laws, rules and regulations in my state and are subject to change without prior notice.

I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING AND I UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT MY OBLIGATIONS HEREUNDER:

Student Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____