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School of Education & Human Development

Application Instructions
Innovative Early Childhood Education MA
Boulder Journey School Partnership

Application deadline is April 1, 2027

STEP 1: Prepare your materials
The School of Education & Human Development accepts all applications online. Please review the information below to prepare for the application process. Your application will include:

- Current resume or curriculum vita
- Two letters of recommendation: It is strongly recommended that at least one of your references is from a supervisor within your current context. While there are two required references, you can also add an optional third reference.
- Transcripts: One transcript from ***ALL*** post-secondary schools attended in which you earned 12 or more credits.
    - If you have transfer credits that appear on a degree transcript, the transcript from the institution where you earned the transfer credits is required.
    - If you attended any University of Colorado campus, an unofficial transcript is required. CU Denver will pull an official transcript on your behalf during application processing.
    - Unofficial transcripts are accepted for application review purposes.
    - Official transcripts **must** be provided upon admission. Transcripts are considered official when sent directly from an institution to CU Denver. Transcripts provided by applicants are considered unofficial.
- International Student Transcripts: International students will have the following two options for transcript review.
    - CU Denver In-House Evaluation
    - External Evaluation (ECE or WES course by course only)
    - Please review the transcript information found on the International Admissions for Graduate Admissions website.
- Letter of Intent written statement - As an applicant to the program, you are required to include a letter of intent with a brief introduction, outline of course values and beliefs, your learning goals, your ECE context, and career plans and contributions following completion of the program. The letter of intent should be 2-3 typewritten pages, double-spaced. You will find additional details within the application.
- $50 application fee for domestic students and $75 application fee for international students.
- Additional paperwork may be needed for international applicants based on review by the International Admissions team.

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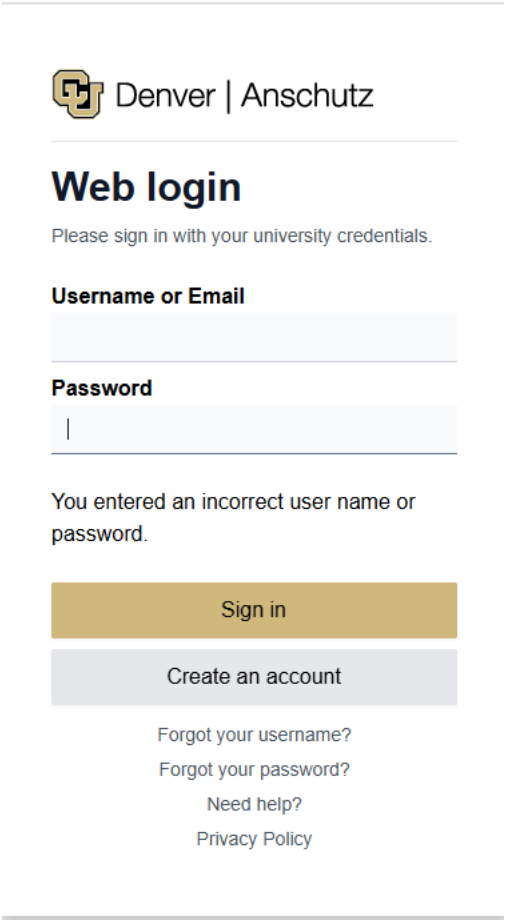
STEP 2: Complete and submit your application

Your application must be completed and submitted online. Please use the CU Denver Graduate Degree application link to create an account within the application system and access the online application.

Click "*Create an account*" to create a new account.

OR

Add your Username or Email and Password and click "*Sign in*" to open your account.



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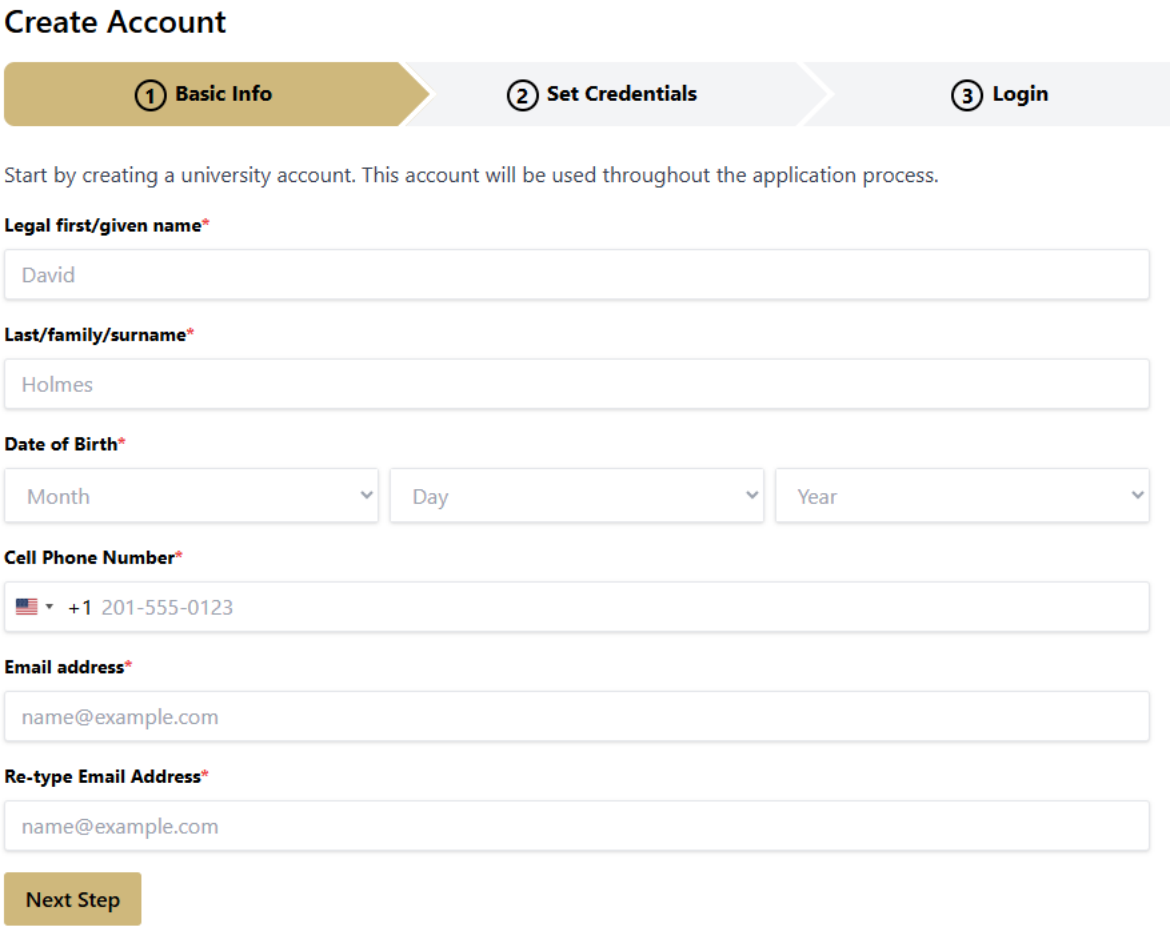
If you clicked "*Create an account*" and are completing an application for the first time, follow all steps to create your application account and password.

1. Provide your basic personal information
2. Select your username and password
3. Login



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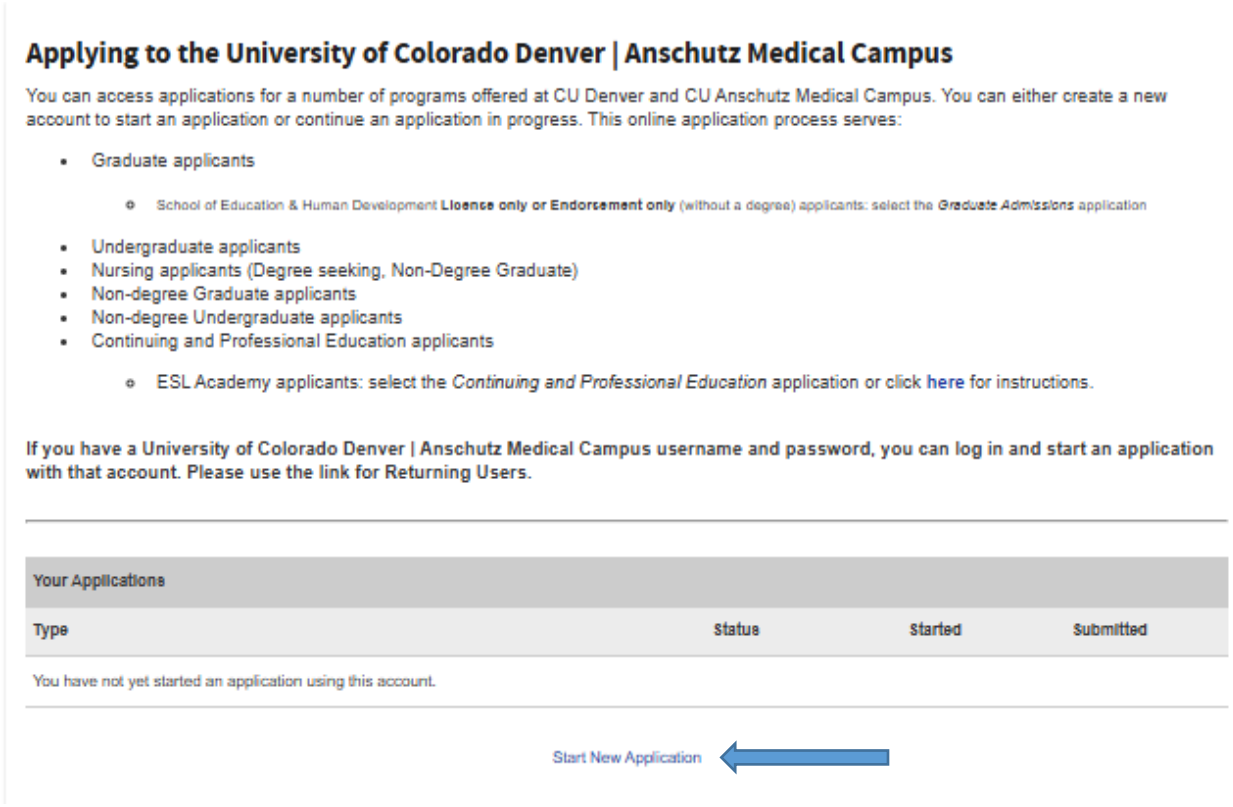
Once you log in, click "*Start New Application*".



Applying to the University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus

You can access applications for a number of programs offered at CU Denver and CU Anschutz Medical Campus. You can either create a new account to start an application or continue an application in progress. This online application process serves:

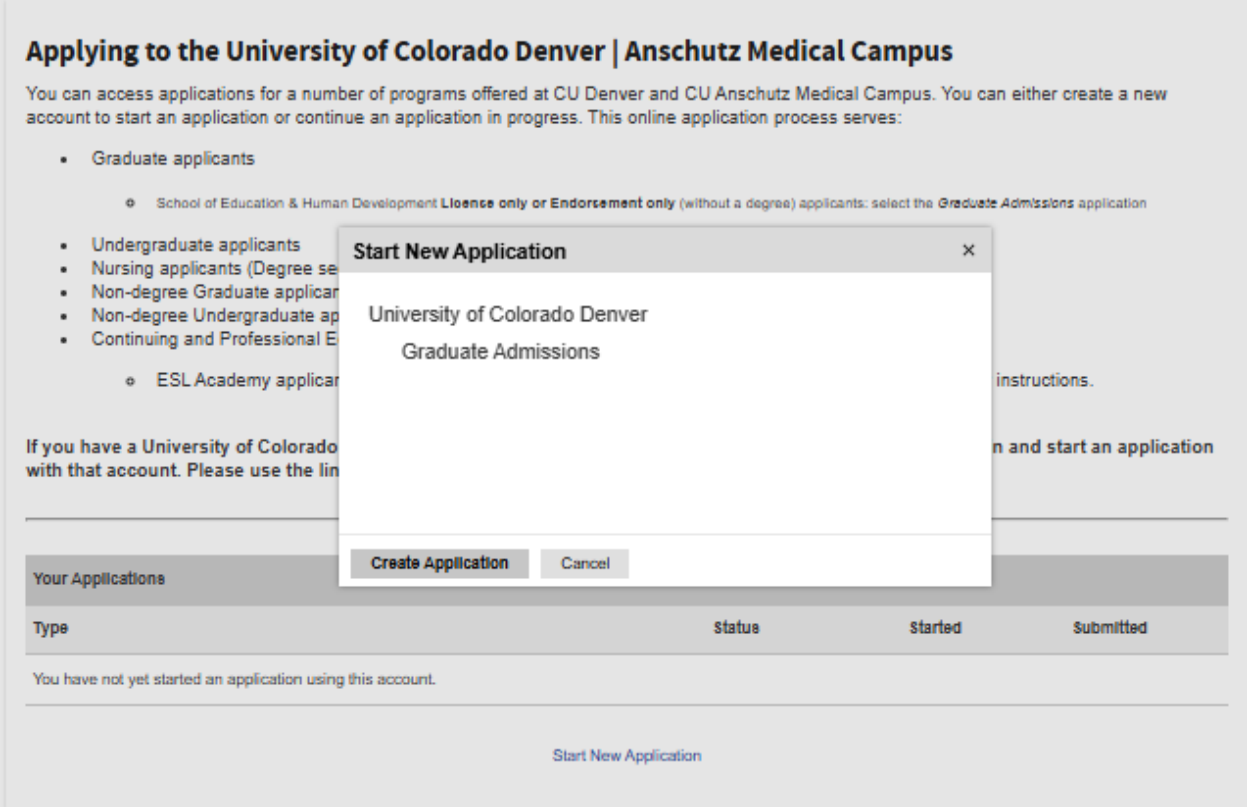
- Graduate applicants
    - School of Education & Human Development **Licence only or Endorsement only** (without a degree) applicants: select the ***Graduate Admissions*** application
- Undergraduate applicants
- Nursing applicants (Degree seeking, Non-Degree Graduate)
- Non-degree Graduate applicants
- Non-degree Undergraduate applicants
- Continuing and Professional Education applicants
    - ESL Academy applicants: select the *Continuing and Professional Education* application or click here for instructions.

If you have a University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus username and password, you can log in and start an application with that account. Please use the link for Returning Users.

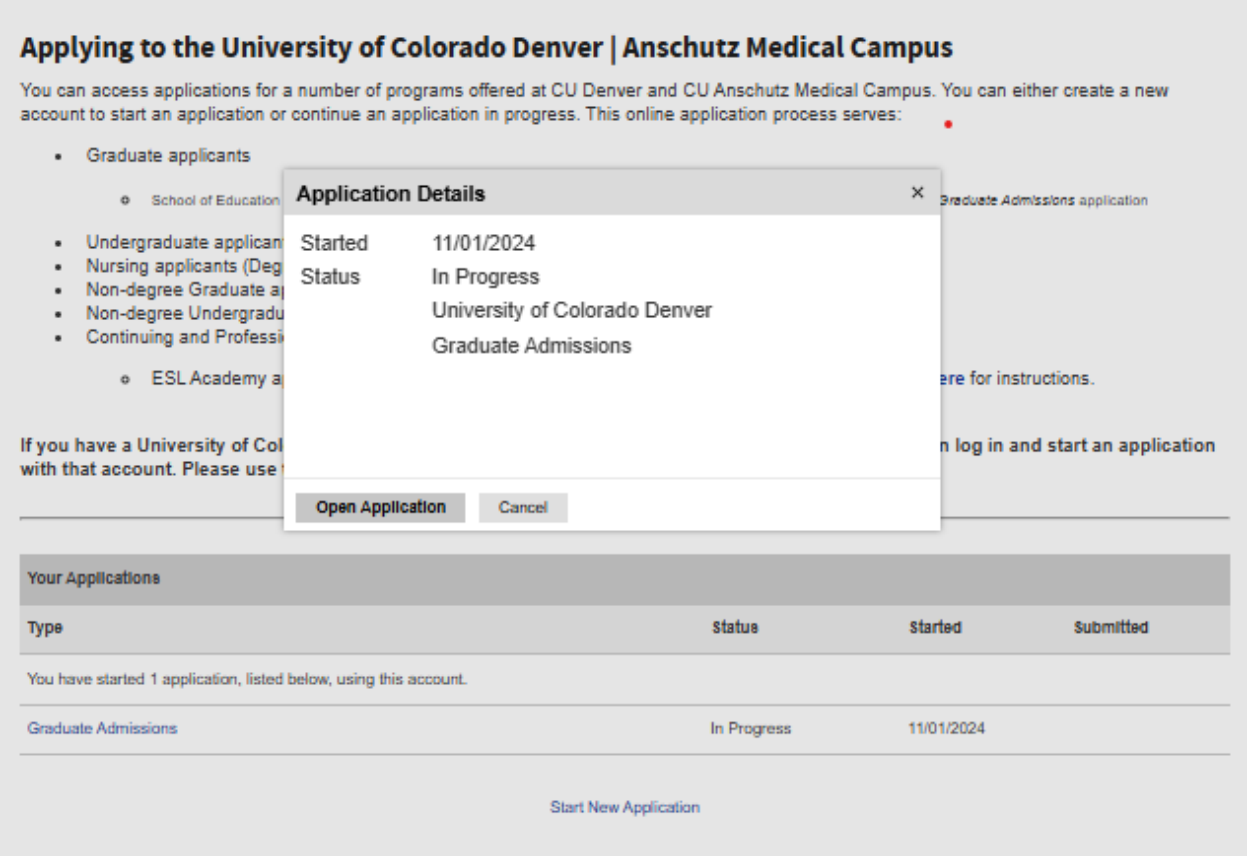
Your Applications			
Type	**Status**	**Started**	**Submitted**
You have not yet started an application using this account.			

Start New Application

A pop-up screen titled “Start New Application” will appear with Graduate Admissions as the application type. Click “*Create Application*”.



A new pop-up screen titled “Application Details” will show the date you are starting the application and confirming you are completing the Graduate Admissions application. Click “*Open Application*”.



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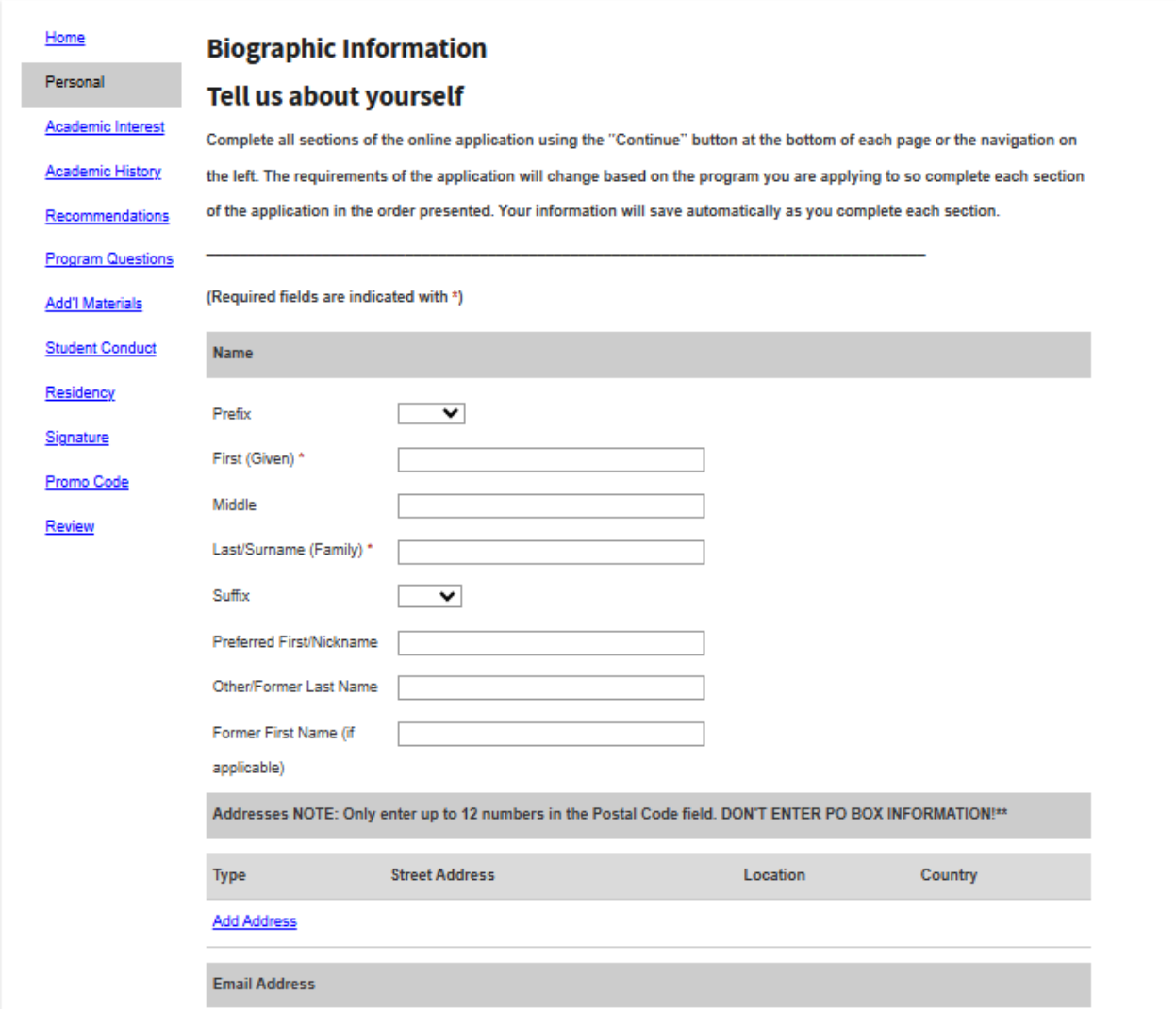
Fill in all required information in the Biographic Information – Tell us about yourself section, select "*Continue*".

NOTE: For international students living outside of the US, select "*99-Intl Student Not in US*" as your visa type



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Biographic Information

Tell us about yourself

Complete all sections of the online application using the "Continue" button at the bottom of each page or the navigation on the left. The requirements of the application will change based on the program you are applying to so complete each section of the application in the order presented. Your information will save automatically as you complete each section.

(Required fields are indicated with *)

Name

Prefix

First (Given) *

Middle

Last/Surname (Family) *

Suffix

Preferred First/Nickname

Other/Former Last Name

Former First Name (if applicable)

Addresses NOTE: Only enter up to 12 numbers in the Postal Code field. DON'T ENTER PO BOX INFORMATION!**

Type	Street Address	Location	Country

Add Address

Email Address

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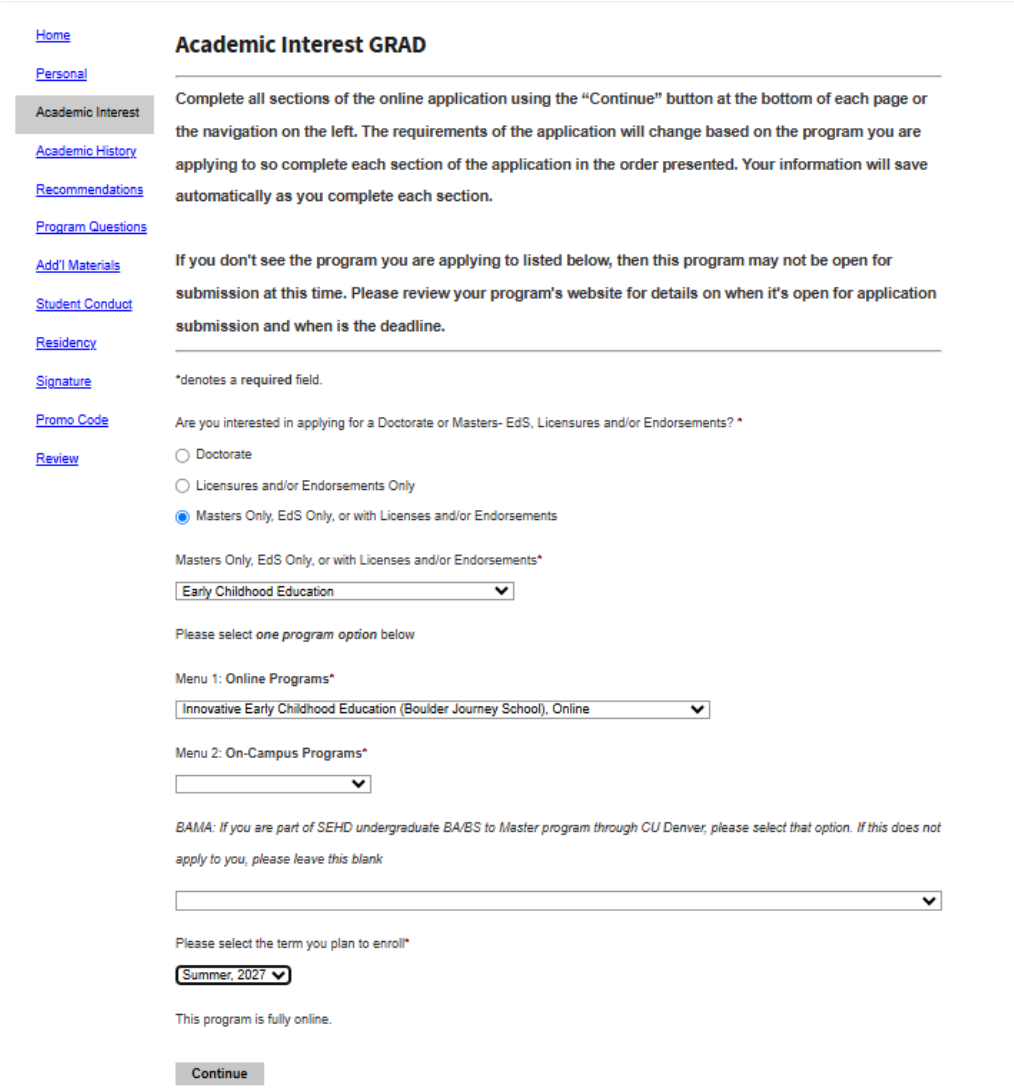
Fill in the fields in the Academic Interest GRAD section using the information below:

- For the question "Are you interested in applying for a Doctorate or Masters – EdS, Licensure and/or Endorsements?" Please select "*Masters Only, EdS Only, or with Licensures, and/or Endorsements*"
- For the dropdown option under "Masters Only, EdS Only, or with Licensures, and/or Endorsements," scroll down to the School of Education and Human Development and select "*Early Childhood Education*"
- For the dropdown option under "Please select one program option below," select from Menu 1: Online Programs, "*Innovative Early Childhood Education (Boulder Journey School), Online*"
- **DO NOT** select an option for Menu 2: On-Campus Programs
- **DO NOT** select an option from BAMA drop down option
- For the dropdown option "Please select the term you plan to enroll", select "*Summer 2027*"



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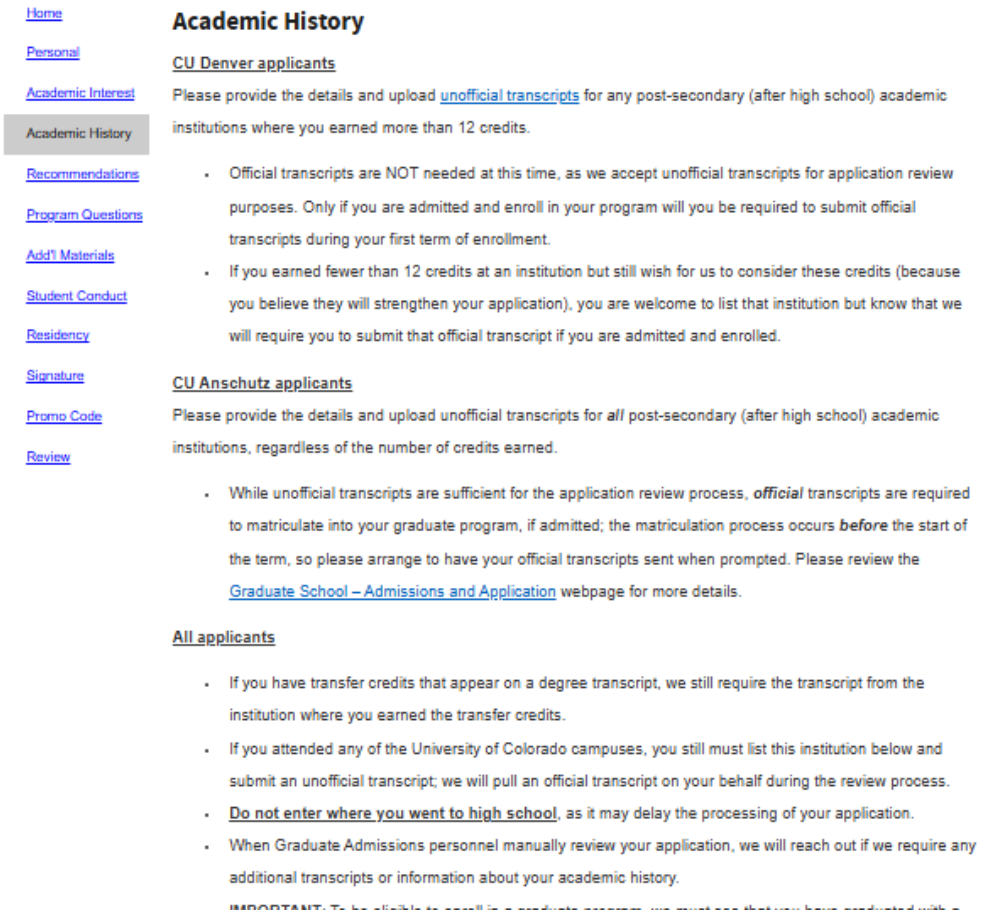
Complete the Academic History section.

- Please provide one transcript from every institution attended in which you earned 12 or more credits, including institutions at which you transferred credits.
- Unofficial transcripts can be provided at the time of completing the application. However, official transcripts will be required upon admission into the program.
- ***Transcripts must be sent directly from an institution to CU Denver to be deemed official. Transcripts are deemed unofficial if provided by the applicant.***
- Send official transcripts to CU Denver at: graduateadmissions@ucdenver.edu.
- Unofficial transcripts are acceptable if you are an alumni of a University of Colorado institution (Boulder, Denver, or Colorado Springs). CU Denver admissions will pull official transcripts on behalf of the applicant.
- International students will have the following two options for transcript review: CU Denver In-House Evaluation or External Evaluation (ECE or WES course by course only). Find more information and instructions about international transcript evaluation on the International Admissions for Graduation Admissions website.



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CU Denver applicants

Please provide the details and upload unofficial transcripts for any post-secondary (after high school) academic institutions where you earned more than 12 credits.

- Official transcripts are NOT needed at this time, as we accept unofficial transcripts for application review purposes. Only if you are admitted and enroll in your program will you be required to submit official transcripts during your first term of enrollment.
- If you earned fewer than 12 credits at an institution but still wish for us to consider these credits (because you believe they will strengthen your application), you are welcome to list that institution but know that we will require you to submit that official transcript if you are admitted and enrolled.

CU Anschutz applicants

Please provide the details and upload unofficial transcripts for *all* post-secondary (after high school) academic institutions, regardless of the number of credits earned.

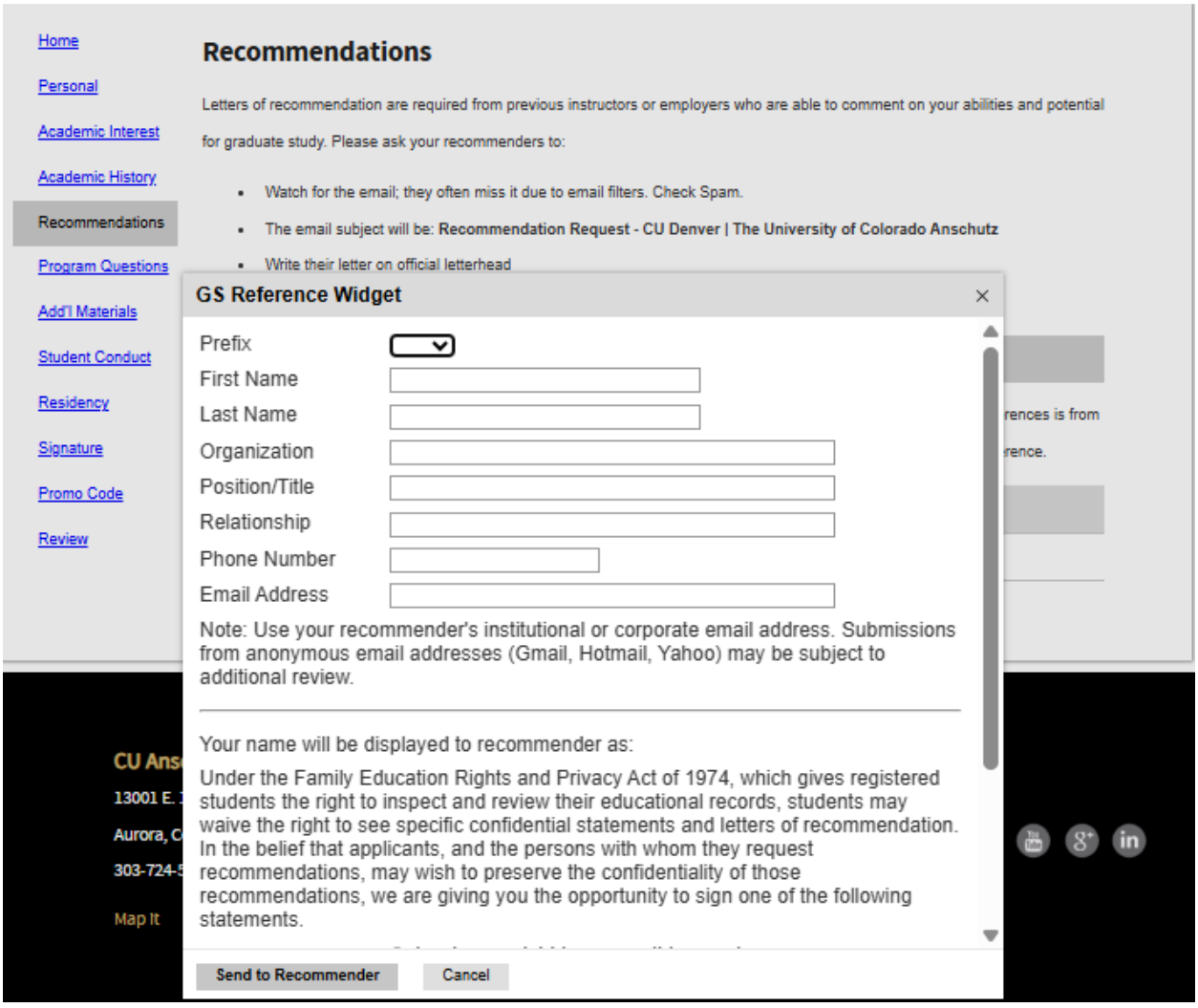
- While unofficial transcripts are sufficient for the application review process, ***official*** transcripts are required to matriculate into your graduate program, if admitted; the matriculation process occurs ***before*** the start of the term, so please arrange to have your official transcripts sent when prompted. Please review the Graduate School – Admissions and Application webpage for more details.

All applicants

- If you have transfer credits that appear on a degree transcript, we still require the transcript from the institution where you earned the transfer credits.
- If you attended any of the University of Colorado campuses, you still must list this institution below and submit an unofficial transcript; we will pull an official transcript on your behalf during the review process.
- Do not enter where you went to high school, as it may delay the processing of your application.
- When Graduate Admissions personnel manually review your application, we will reach out if we require any additional transcripts or information about your academic history.

Complete the Recommendations section. Click "*Add Reference*" and a pop-up screen will appear to add contact information for your recommender.

- Once you click "*Send to Recommender*", an email will be sent to your recommender from CU Denver requesting a recommendation on your behalf. Your recommender will provide their recommendation to CU Denver to be uploaded with your application.
- Two letters of recommendation are required. It is strongly recommended that at least one of your references is from a supervisor within your current context. While there are two required references, you can also add an optional third reference.



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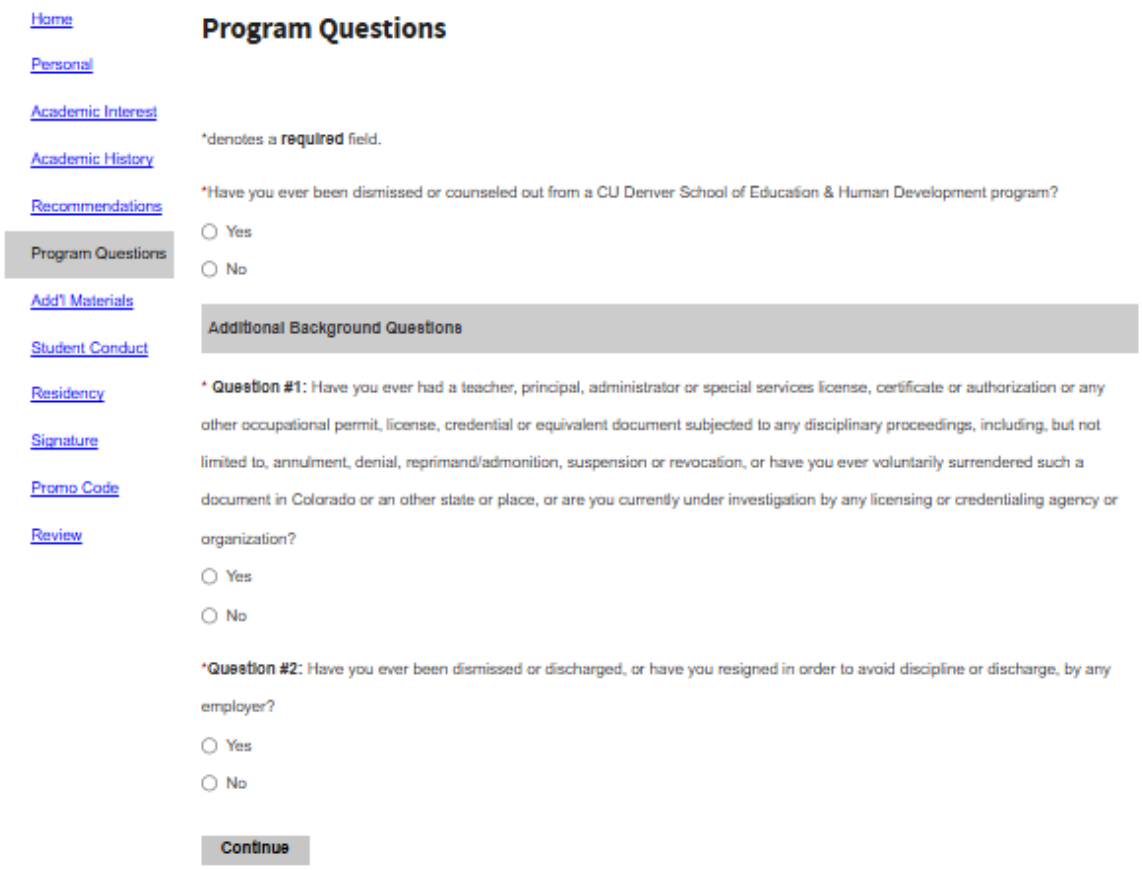
Complete the Program Questions section.



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Complete the Supporting Materials section. This section includes your Letter of Intent (Written Statement) and Resume.

A teaching license is not required for admission to this program.

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*denotes a required field.

Guidelines for Letter of Intent (Written Statement)*

As an applicant to the program, you are required to include a letter of intent that describes your interest, your special strengths, and some goals that you hope to achieve through your work in the program. The letter of intent should be 2-3 typewritten pages, double-spaced. Please include the following.

1. Please address your letter, Dear Innovative Early Childhood Education Faculty.
2. Briefly introduce yourself. Show how your background and experience have prepared you for the program.
3. Outline some core values and beliefs and how they will support your success in the program.
4. Tell about your learning goals - what is it you hope to learn from the program, and how you hope to use that new knowledge.
5. Students must be in an ECE position, with regular, consistent access to children in their context. Students will be required to regularly document classroom experiences through photography and video and submit these materials as part of their coursework. Although photographs and videos may be de-identified, students must obtain consent from their organization before taking and submitting any photographs or videos for course assignments that will be shared with the Instructor and fellow students. Based on the description above, Describe your context including how you will regularly engage with and have access to young children throughout the course work.
6. Share about your connection with Reggio-inspired pedagogy or if new to this inspiration, what has drawn you to apply to a Reggio-inspired MA program.
7. Give an indication of your career plans and the contributions you hope to make after you complete the program.
8. Students accepted to this program will select either the 14 month or 24 month program of study. While this will happen after an applicant accepts their admission, please share at this time, your desired program plan of study and your reasons.

Faculty will evaluate the statement using the following criteria:

- Your writing skills - fluency, grammar, mechanics, organization, and style
- Your commitment to core values and to professional growth and development
- Your ability to apply learning in context during the MA coursework

Choose File | No file chosen

Resume or CV*

Upload a resume or CV to support your application. Make sure to highlight your experience working/volunteering with children and the population served.

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Complete the GR Suspension and Criminal History section.

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GR Suspension and Criminal History

The following 5 questions are in accordance with Colorado SB19-170, the "Ensuring Access to Higher Education Act".

The University of Colorado Denver values the success of every student as well as providing a safe environment for the university community. Understanding the life stories of each student is an important aspect of this process. Please note that any "Yes" responses to the questions below will NOT automatically disqualify you from consideration, but rather helps us to understand your life story and make a more informed admission decision.

As an applicant, you have the right to appeal a decision made based on any information required to be disclosed to CU Denver. You are not required any information contained in sealed records.

*denotes a **required** field.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Are you currently under any pending investigations, facing allegations, OR been found responsible for an **academic misconduct violation** at any educational institution you have attended since **the 9th grade**?

You only need to report findings of responsibility for academic misconduct if your educational record reflects that you were assigned probation, suspension removal, dismissal and/or expulsion from the institution. *Please note, academic misconduct does not include probation or suspension for low grades.*

*Do you have an Academic Misconduct Violation?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

CRIMINAL HISTORY

*Do you have any pending criminal charges against you?

- ○ Yes

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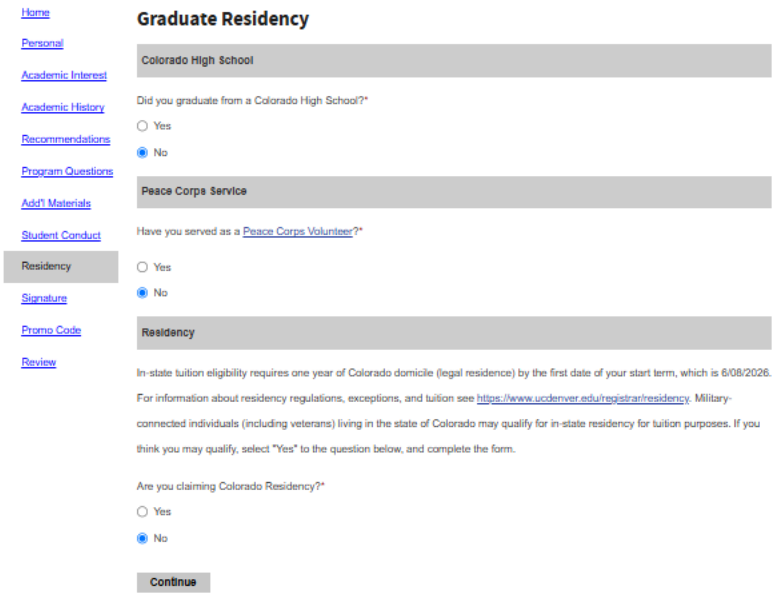
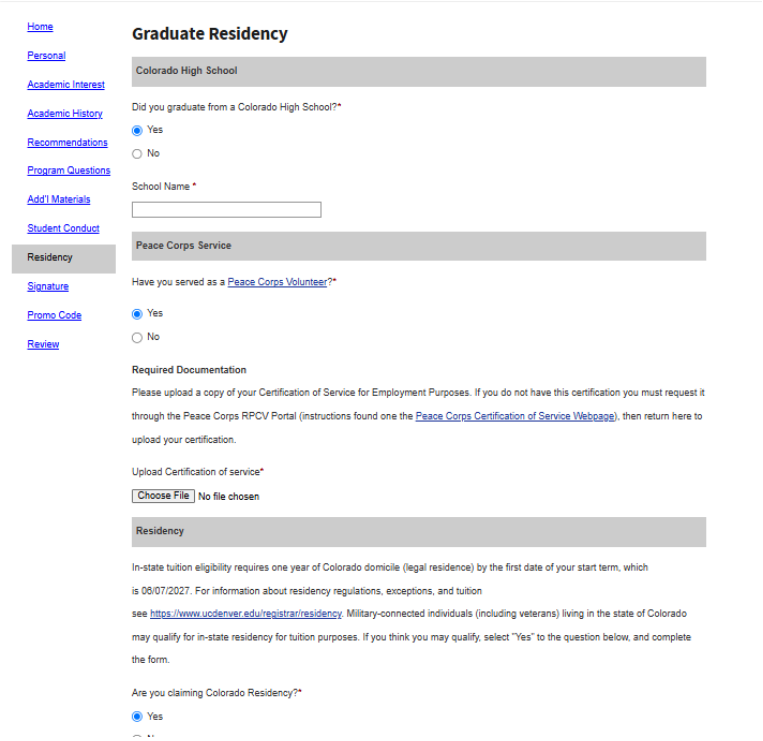
Complete the Graduate Residency section. Additional information will pop up based on your response.

Non-Colorado Resident (select “No”)



Colorado Resident (select “Yes”)



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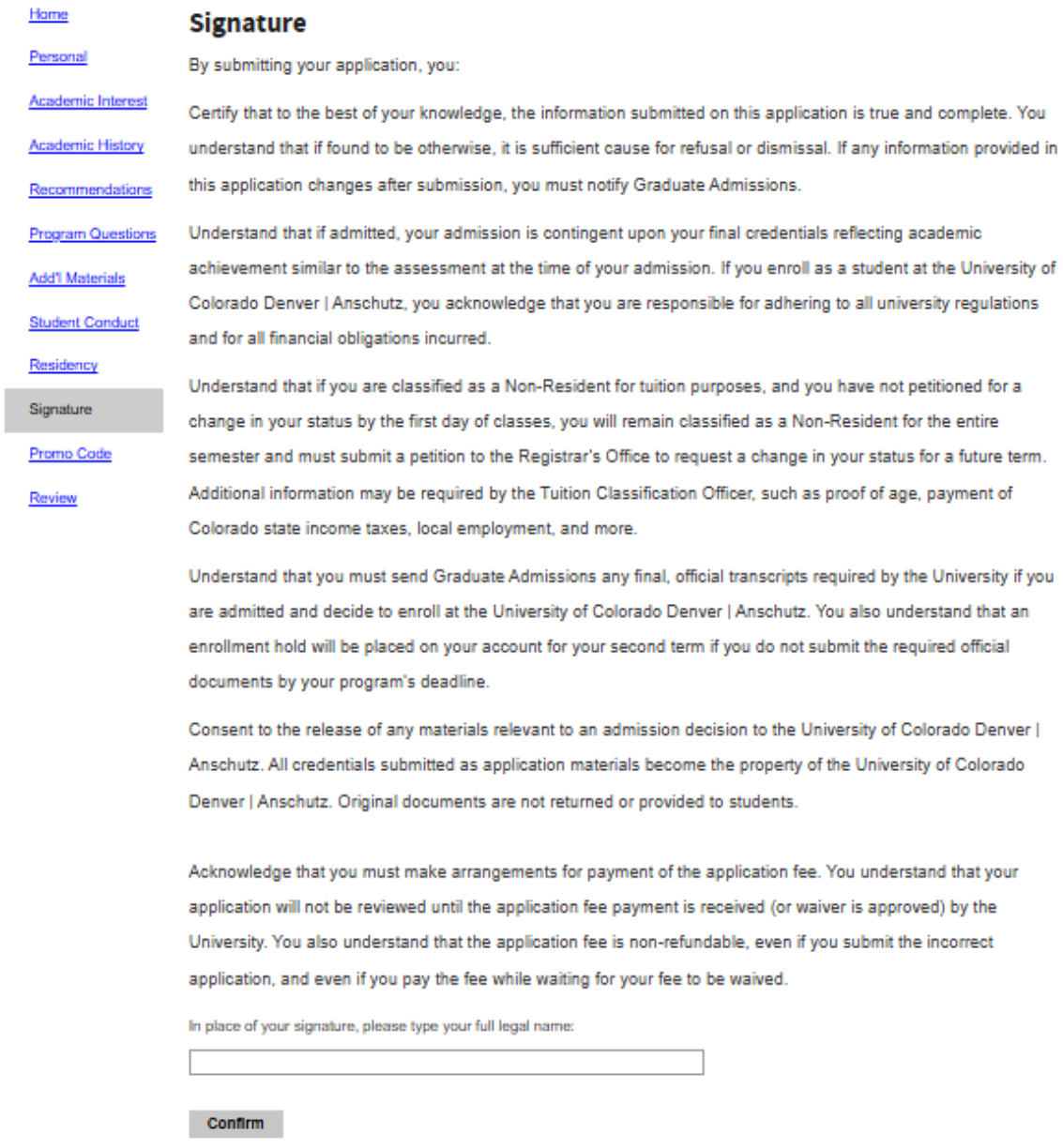
Read the signature agreement and sign.



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By submitting your application, you:

Certify that to the best of your knowledge, the information submitted on this application is true and complete. You understand that if found to be otherwise, it is sufficient cause for refusal or dismissal. If any information provided in this application changes after submission, you must notify Graduate Admissions.

Understand that if admitted, your admission is contingent upon your final credentials reflecting academic achievement similar to the assessment at the time of your admission. If you enroll as a student at the University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz, you acknowledge that you are responsible for adhering to all university regulations and for all financial obligations incurred.

Understand that if you are classified as a Non-Resident for tuition purposes, and you have not petitioned for a change in your status by the first day of classes, you will remain classified as a Non-Resident for the entire semester and must submit a petition to the Registrar's Office to request a change in your status for a future term. Additional information may be required by the Tuition Classification Officer, such as proof of age, payment of Colorado state income taxes, local employment, and more.

Understand that you must send Graduate Admissions any final, official transcripts required by the University if you are admitted and decide to enroll at the University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz. You also understand that an enrollment hold will be placed on your account for your second term if you do not submit the required official documents by your program's deadline.

Consent to the release of any materials relevant to an admission decision to the University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz. All credentials submitted as application materials become the property of the University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz. Original documents are not returned or provided to students.

Acknowledge that you must make arrangements for payment of the application fee. You understand that your application will not be reviewed until the application fee payment is received (or waiver is approved) by the University. You also understand that the application fee is non-refundable, even if you submit the incorrect application, and even if you pay the fee while waiting for your fee to be waived.

In place of your signature, please type your full legal name:

Confirm

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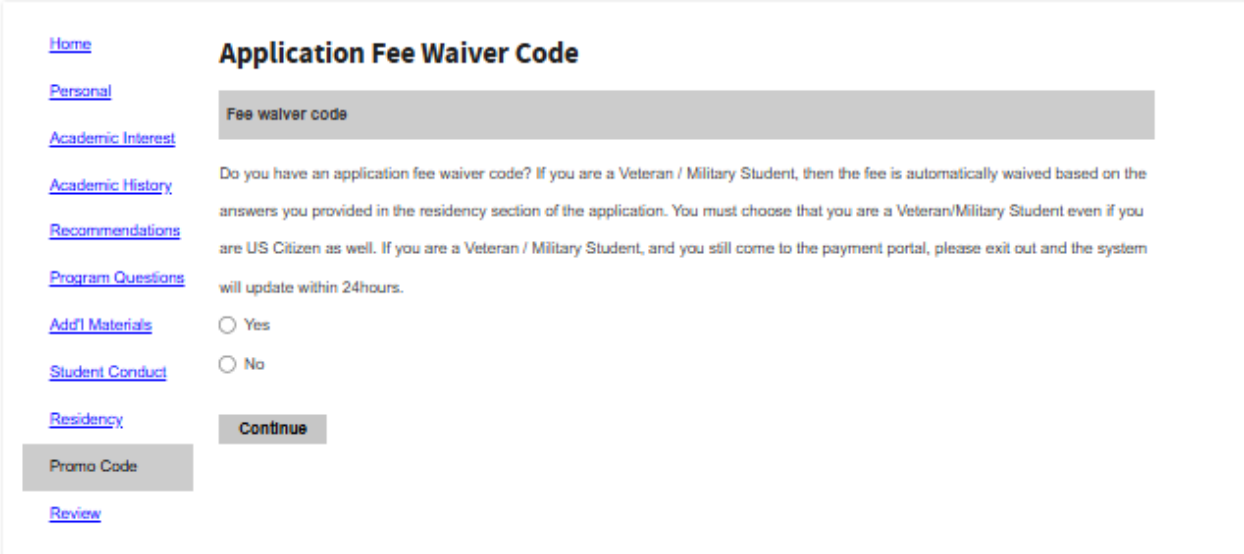
Complete the Application Fee Waiver Code question.



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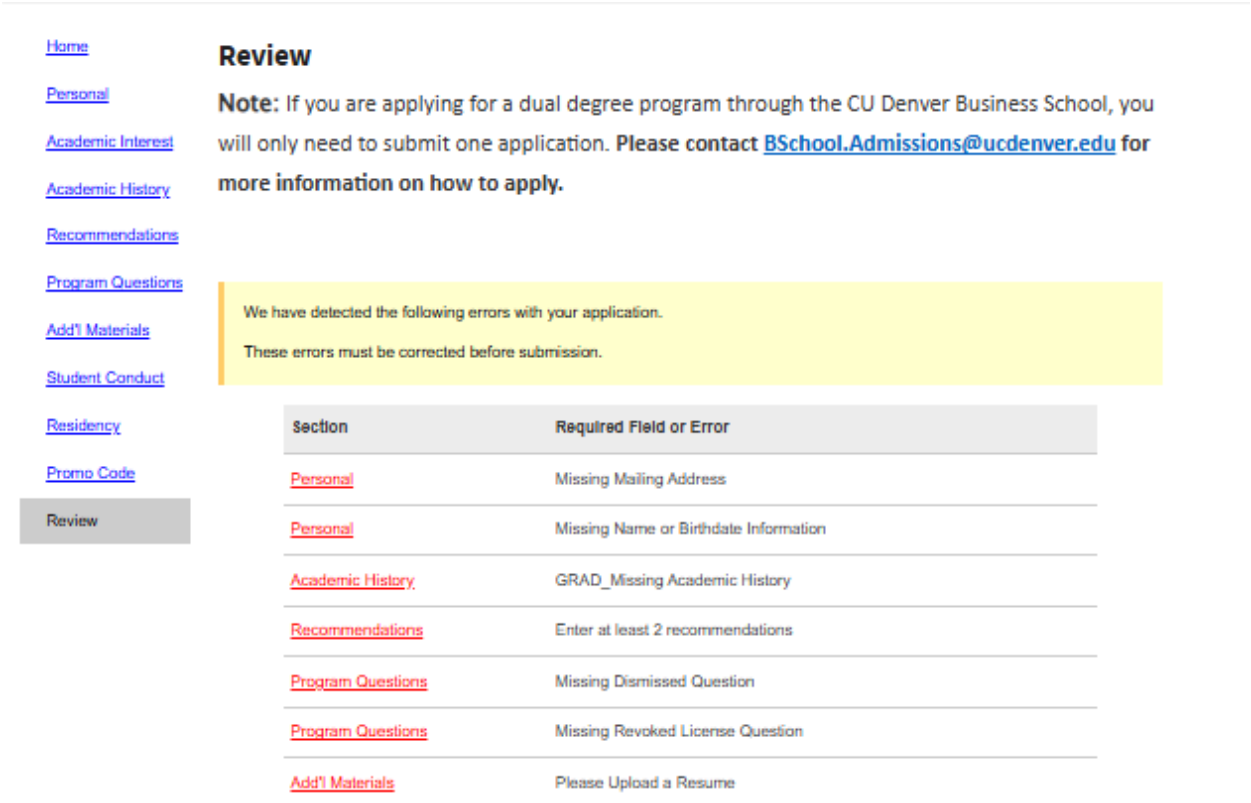
Use the Review section to ensure you have completed all required fields. Correct any fields listed in red. Submit your application upon completion and pay the application fee.



STEP 3: Monitor your email
All communication regarding the status of your application, questions we may have and admissions decisions will be sent to the email address you provide in your application.

STEP 4: Financial Aid & Scholarships
You can learn about financial aid and scholarship opportunities through the Student Finances webpage.

Questions? Contact Sara Van Dyke at sara.vandyke@ucdenver.edu.