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Our students have a strong commitment to equity and social justice. They are a diverse community of scholars who collaborate to solve real problems of practice.

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University of Colorado Denver’s PhD in Education and Human Development prepares students who are pursuing roles as university faculty, researchers or leaders in policy-making.

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- Master’s degree or equivalent
- 3.5 GPA in graduate-level coursework (recommended)
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