

**GRADUATE TEACHER PROGRAM AND COLORADO PFF NETWORK**  
**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER**  
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**Colorado Preparing Future Faculty Network (COPFFN)**

**Purpose:** To support the national PFF initiative of exposing future faculty to a variety of post secondary institutions. The initiative seeks to make graduate preparation more consistent with the actual responsibilities of faculty members.

**Long Range Goal:** To change the culture of higher education by institutionalizing future faculty training in all disciplines through pedagogical, administrative, interpersonal skills.

**The Graduate Teacher Program** at CU provides professional development through the following:

COPFF Network

PreProf Program

Post Doc Assoc.

Professional Development Cert for Advanced Graduate Students

- **Graduate Teacher Program Website.** The website includes the following online publications:

**GTP Handbook**

The GTP Handbook includes articles on teaching written by veteran faculty. Topics include:

Meaningful questioning

Grading Participation

Keeping conversations going--facilitating techniques

Self and student assessment

Collaboration

Cross-discipline elements in teaching

Plagiarism: perils, policy, prevention

Active learning

Digital education

Getting students talking

Remaining objective in a politically-oriented class

Gender bias

**National Teaching and Learning Forum**

**Words for the Wise (quotes about teaching)**

**The Tutor Newsletter**

Topics such as:

Special Needs Students-Using Common Sense and Kindness

Diversity  
Grading Essays  
Sexism

- **Workshops**

These include topics in the areas of pedagogy, personal and professional development, multicultural and gender issues, academic policies, assessment and evaluation (self, course, and student), preparation of teaching portfolios, technology and teaching.

Examples of specific workshops include:

Lecturing  
Using an overhead projector  
Conducting a laboratory  
Discipline

### **Graduate Teacher Certificate**

The center offers a Graduate Teacher Certificate. Requirements for certification include:

- Complete 20 workshops on various topics
- Videotape teaching (2 videos with consultations)
- Submit a teaching portfolio
- Complete observation and evaluation by mentor teacher/s
- Pass a final assessment