a. For international students, US immigration regulations do not permit a foreign national to work in the United States without appropriate immigration status. Student visas are designed to allow international students to come to the US and obtain a degree or academic credential; however, these are not work visas. Colorado law indicates that only those foreign nationals who are legally allowed to reside AND WORK in the US are eligible for licensure in this state. Apprentice teachers with F-1/J-1 student visas will not qualify for licensure with a student visas. However, F-1 students who complete their program of study are typically eligible to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT) at the end of their course of study. This program allows students one year to work full time in the US in their field of study. Students who receive OPT are issued a temporary Employment Authorization Document (EAD Card), and this may give them the legal right to reside and work in the US. To obtain Colorado Licensure, apprentice teachers will be required to apply for and obtain work status prior to applying for licensure. Please contact the University of Denver’s International Student & Scholar Services for additional information.