Doctor of Arts in English Pedagogy and Technology
Guidelines for Application for Admission

Required Materials

- Completed Murray State University graduate application (online)
- Letter of application
  The letter of application should detail academic and professional teaching qualifications, reasons for wanting to pursue the Doctor of Arts degree, and expectations for the program’s effect upon the applicant’s career.
- Official copies of transcripts for all higher education institutions attended
- Writing sample
  Applicants must submit an original research essay or an excerpt of no more than twenty pages on a topic in the field of English or English language arts pedagogy; of course, the essay or excerpt must be the applicant’s own work.
- Portfolio of sample teaching materials with coversheet
  The portfolio of sample teaching materials must include four to five artifacts of the applicant’s own design indicative of the applicant’s teaching ability. These may include syllabi, instructional or unit plans, assignment guides, and/or other materials related to teaching English. The portfolio may also include a single video recording of the applicant’s teaching; the video recording should be a clip of no longer than five minutes.

Optional Supplemental Materials

Applicants may also submit additional materials to supplement the application, although such materials will only be used for considerations of conditional admission to the program. The following materials, though not required, are welcome:
- Curriculum vitae
- Official GRE General scores
- Other material evidence of academic abilities or abilities as a teacher

Language Proficiency Materials

Applicants who are non-native speakers of English or who have not earned a previous degree in the field from an accredited U.S. institution must also submit current, official scores for the TOEFL or IELTS reflecting program admission standards described in the current MSU Bulletin.

Letters of Recommendation

All applicants must also have three letters of reference submitted directly by referees. At least two of the letters should address the applicant’s academic ability; at least one of the letters should address the applicant’s teaching ability or likely
teaching ability. Referees should send letters directly to the Program Director either via post or email:

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Murray, Kentucky 42071 USA  
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Submission of Application Materials and Deadline

All application materials must be submitted by 1 April for full consideration for admission to that year's cohort; the program committee may begin admitting students to the cohort as early as 1 March. The Murray State University graduate application may be submitted online.

All other required materials (letter of application, official copies of transcripts, writing sample, portfolio of teaching materials, and other supplemental materials) may be submitted electronically (via file-sharing services such as Google Drive) and shared with kbinfield@murraystate.edu or as hardcopy via US mail to the Program Director:

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Interview

Applicants who move to the next stage of consideration will be required to participate in an interview with the members of the program committee as part of the application process. The interview may be conducted face-to-face or via videoconference.

Contact Details for Questions and Recommendations

Questions at any stage of the application process may be addressed to the Program Director:

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