

## **Doctor of Arts in English Pedagogy Guidelines for Application for Admission**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Rolling. Earlier applications are encouraged for students who wish to begin doctoral core coursework with a Fall cohort; otherwise, applications are accepted year-round, and any students admitted after our Fall cohort limit has been reached may begin elective coursework during the next academic term, then begin doctoral core coursework in the next Fall semester, or they may be deferred by the program to a later academic term.**

### **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.
- Curriculum vitae
- Official copies of transcripts for all higher education institutions attended (must be submitted directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions)
- 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 opt to 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:

- 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. The program committee considers evidence of language proficiency broadly as outlined in the current Academic Bulletin.

### **Letters of Recommendation**

All applicants must also have three letters of reference submitted directly by referees. At least two of the letters must address the applicant's academic ability; at least one of the letters must address the applicant's teaching ability or likely teaching ability. Referees must include their own full contact information (email address, mailing address, and telephone number); the relationship to the applicant including nature, extent, place, and time of the relationship; and their institutional affiliation. Referees will send letters directly to the Program Director via email at the address indicated below in Contact Details.

### **Submission of Application Materials**

The Graduate Admissions application is found online. Transcripts must be submitted directly to Graduate Admissions. All required materials (letter of application, writing sample, portfolio of teaching materials, and other supplemental materials) should be submitted electronically as email attachments.

### **Interview**

Applicants who move to the next stage of consideration may be asked 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 Materials**

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