English Education: Initial Licensure

In order to be recommend for your Minnesota 5-12 Communication Arts/Literature teaching license (English Education), you must successfully complete the following licensure requirements.

Required Coursework
You must complete the following licensure coursework with an overall accumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher and with individual course grades of a C- or better.

Content Prerequisite Courses (link)

Common Content Courses
CI 5012: Culture, Schools, & Communities: Human Relations I (3 cr)
CI 5013: Culture, Schools, & Communities: Human Relations II (1 cr)
CI 5163: Child and Adolescent Development for Teaching and Learning I (1 cr)
CI 5164: Child and Adolescent Development for Teaching and Learning II (2 cr)
CI 5307: Technology for Teaching and Learning (1.5 cr)
CI 5617: Academic Language and English Learners I (1 cr)
CI 5618: Academic Language and English Learners II (1 cr)
EPSY 5015: Teaching Students with Special Needs in Inclusive Settings I (1 cr)
EPSY 5016: Teaching Students with Special Needs in Inclusive Settings II (1 cr)

Licensure Content Specific Courses
CI 5441: Teaching Literature in the Secondary School (3 cr)
CI 5451: Teaching Reading in Middle and Secondary Grades (3 cr)
CI 5461: Teaching Composition in the Secondary School (3 cr)
CI 5481: Developments in Teaching English and Speech (3 cr)
CI 5471: Clinical Experience in Teaching Secondary English (3 cr)

Clinical and Field Experiences
Field experience for UMN Twin Cities teacher candidates is an intentionally planned part of each licensure program. In order to be recommended for licensure, candidates in the English education program must compete 100 hours of course-based field work prior to student teaching. This program culminates with 12 weeks of full-time student teaching.

See reverse for testing, assessment information, and license application information.
Minnesota State Licensure Testing and Assessments

MTLE (Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations)
Minnesota Professional Educator and Licensing Boards (PELSB) requires that you take and pass the MTLE (Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations) content and pedagogy tests for your MN tier 3 license. Information (registration, study materials) on the required MTLE tests specific to your license area(s) can be found at our MTLE support website.

edTPA (Education Teacher Performance Assessment)
You must successfully complete and submit your edTPA portfolio, as stipulated by PELSB, before being recommended for your MN teaching license. edTPA is introduced in your program method courses, and you will complete it in conjunction with your student teaching. Follow the instructional documents available at our edTPA resource website.

Submitting Your Minnesota License Application
Once the above requirements are confirmed complete (via APAS, MTLE, and edTPA official reports), you must submit your complete Minnesota teaching application to the Office of Teacher Education (OTE). You must follow the teacher licensure application process instructions. OTE licensing team reviews your license application, and once verified that all of the requirements are complete, we send your application packet to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB). This usually takes about two weeks, but can take longer during the busy summer season. PELSB typically takes 8-12 weeks to process a license; you can look up your license progress online through PELSB’s website.