# Master of Education and Initial Licensure Programs

**Application Checklist:** Required documents for applications

| ☐ | Transcripts | • Submit all unofficial transcripts from all previous institutions. Once admitted you will need official transcripts.  
|    |             | • A Bachelor’s degree from an accredited U.S. institution, or a comparable degree from a recognized college or university in another country, is required.  
|    |             | • 2.80 GPA is required for full acceptance. Special review will be given to applicants with a GPA less than 2.80. |
| ☐ | Resume     | • Highlight experiences and achievements working with children and youth. |
| ☐ | Essay      | • *Writing prompt:* Describe the world you come from—for example, your family, community or school. Tell us about a time when your worldview has informed and/or been challenged by working with children or youth.  
|    |            | • Reflecting on this and other experiences, how do you hope to grow as a reflective teacher through our program?  
|    |            | • *Statement should be no longer than 5 pages. Standard font-size. Double-spaced. Include your name at the top of each page.* |
| ☐ | Letter of Recommendation | • Ask someone who can speak to your experience working with children and/or youth, or who can vouch for your commitment to educational equity.  
|    |            | • *When you apply, list the name and email of your recommender. We will email them with instructions on how to submit their letter into the UMN application system. Please let them know to watch their Spam inbox in case the email appears there.* |
| ☐ | Diversity Statement | • *Writing prompt:* Given the well-documented racial, ethnic, and/or cultural differences between teachers |
and the students they teach in K-12 spaces, what have you done to further your knowledge and understanding about equity and diversity?

- How have you demonstrated your learning?
- No longer than 2 pages. Standard font-size. Double-spaced. Include your name at the top of each page.

(☐) Optional Extenuating Circumstances Statement

- This is not required.
- Only submit if there is something on your transcript that does not accurately reflect who you are as a student.
- No more than 500 words documenting unusual circumstances or hardships you have faced and the ways in which you have overcome or responded to them.

Additional information - International Student Applicants

(☐) TOEFL, IELTS or MELAB TOEFL

- Required for non-native English speakers: institutional code: 6874.
- IELTS and MELAB scores must be received directly from the testing center.
- More information

(☐) Official evaluation of transcript by a NACES-approved member.

- You must get a NACES-approved member organization to complete a course-by-course evaluation of your transcript
- Send to:
  Department of Curriculum & Instruction
  c/o Foreign Transcript Evaluations
  Peik Hall, 125
  159 Pillsbury Dr. SE
  Minneapolis, MN 55455

Application Fees

- $75 for U.S. applicants
- $95 for international applicants

NOTE: GRE not required.

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