



**APPLICATION FOR SPECIALIZATION**

**Master of Science in Elementary Education Program (M.S.) – 5 Year Pathway**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Campus Box/Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Specialization Area - All essays MUST be typed.**

The number of students accepted into a specialization area is limited by the course load of the faculty advisor. We try to place all students in one of their top three choices. To be considered for a particular specialty area you must:

1. Meet with the faculty advisor in the area of your first choice. The advisor will discuss with you important issues and concerns related to that area. Investigate the issues discussed with the advisor by doing further reading.

Area	Advisor	Area	Advisor
Arts	Dr. Wells	English Language Learners	Dr. Clayton
Instructional Technology	Dr. Meadows	Literacy	Dr. Causarano
Math	Dr. Sheckels	Science	Dr. Epps
Social Studies	Dr. Broome	Special Education	Dr. Walker

2. For your first choice, write an essay (no more than 3 pages double spaced) in which you explain why you have chosen to conduct research and to develop expertise in this area. You must refer to your readings in this area, citing at least three research-based articles. Attach this to your application.
3. For your second choice, write an essay (1 page double spaced) in which you explain why you have chosen this area. Read from and cite at least one research-based article in this area. You may also wish to meet briefly with the faculty member advising students in your second-choice area. This is not required but may be helpful. Attach this essay to your application.

**Specialty Preferences**

Please check below your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of the specialty areas.

Specialty Area – 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	List relevant course work and/or experience in this area.
Arts	
English Language Learners	
Instructional Technology	
Literacy	
Mathematics	
Science	
Social Studies	
Special Education	

Specialty Area – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	List relevant course work and/or experience in this area.
Arts	
English Language Learners	
Instructional Technology	
Literacy	
Mathematics	
Science	
Social Studies	
Special Education	

Specialty Area – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice	List relevant course work and/or experience in this area.
Arts	
English Language Learners	
Instructional Technology	
Literacy	
Mathematics	
Science	
Social Studies	
Special Education	

Student Interns who are accepted into a specialization area will all be placed together in the same school(s) and district. This is to ensure Student Interns are able to gain the best experience possible with their small specialization cohort. These placements are made in consideration of what program faculty feels is in the best interests of Student Interns and the students they will serve.

Initials \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that the information given in this application is correct and follows the UMW Honor Code to the best of my knowledge and belief.**

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** Please re-read this application and make sure that all blanks have been filled in. Incomplete forms will be returned and the processing of your application may be delayed.



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