



**Application for Admission to Candidacy
In the Master's Degree Program**

Student Information:

Name:	Student ID#:	SSN: XXX-XX-
Street:	Accepted to Grad Program: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
City:	Home Phone:	- -
State:	ZIP:	- -
E-Mail:	Cell Phone:	- -
Work Phone: - -		
My records may be under the following name(s):		

Teaching Experience: (Please list in order with the present or most recent position first.)

Grade or Subjects Taught	School District	Dates of Service

Anticipated Degree Date (check one):

May 2010

May 2011

Seeking a Master's Degree in:

Special Education with/endorsement in:

K-6 Instructional Strategist I

7-12 Instructional Strategist I

K-12 Instructional Strategist II: BD/LD

K-12 Instructional Strategist II: MD

Professional Educator

Note: If the program selected above is different from the program in which you were accepted, please contact Dr. Glenna Tevis by letter or email (tevis@morningside.edu) to update your program major.

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Program Coursework:

Do you have transfer graduate credit(s) that may be applied to your program? Yes No

If so, have official transcripts been submitted and reviewed? Yes No

If no, please have an official transcript sent to the Graduate Office immediately.

Transcripts from other institutions and educational partners (Educational Resources, Learning Disabilities Association–Iowa, and VESi, and local Area Education Agencies) **must be received by May 1.**

Please list the courses that you have left to complete in your degree program. If you have electives remaining but have not yet decided what to take, merely put the number of hours of electives you have left to complete and when you plan to take them. Be sure to include the courses in which you are currently enrolled.

Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours	Term and Year

Students applying for candidacy need to have completed at least 18 graduate credit hours in their graduate program, including EDUC 501 Educational Research. The application for candidacy materials must be submitted before October 1 of the school year in which the student intends to graduate. Please send the candidacy application materials to:

**Morningside College Graduate Office
1501 Morningside Avenue
Sioux City, Iowa 51106**

I understand that I am not admitted as a candidate for the above degree until my candidacy essay meets the minimum passing score and this application is signed by the Director of Graduate Studies.

_____ Signature of Applicant	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Director of Graduate Studies	_____ Date

Graduation Reminders:

- Application for Admission to Candidacy – Due to the Graduate Office by **October 1**
- Comprehensive Exams – Mailed to candidates in early November and due in the Graduate Office by **February 1**
- Research Project – Due in the Graduate Office by **February 15**
- Graduation Fee – \$100, billed in spring to all degree candidates whether or not planning to attend the graduation ceremony

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Admission to Candidacy for the Master's Degree Program Written Essay

As part of the Admission to Candidacy for the Master's Degree process, you are required to submit a self-assessment and goal-setting essay. In this essay, you should describe the specific progress that you have made toward each of the **five graduate goals** as you become a more *Effective Educator*. These goals are listed below. In addition, outline the personal and professional goals that you wish to achieve during the remainder of your program.

Your essay should be no longer than two double-spaced pages using a 12-point font and 1-inch margins so you will need to be concise. It is to follow an essay format with a well thought out introduction, body, and conclusion. Your essay will be scored for thoughtful reflection related to the graduate goals and for appropriate goal-setting. In addition, it will be scored for clarity, structure, and mechanics. You should make sure that your essay includes all of the required components. Essays not meeting the minimum passing score will be returned to the applicant for rewriting.

Goals for Graduate Students

1. Locates, analyzes, and synthesizes research to address classroom or curricular issues.
2. Plans, conducts, and reports research that addresses classroom or curricular issues.
3. Provides leadership and collaborates with others.
4. Uses technology to support learning.
5. Understands current trends, practices and issues in education.