

# SARTE

Selective Admission and Retention in  
Teacher Education

# What is SARTE?

- When you are admitted to SARTE, you are officially admitted to the Teacher Education Program at MSUM.



# Why is SARTE important?

- You must be admitted to SARTE in order to take the 300-400 level courses in your major.
- Admittance to SARTE shows that you have met the initial criteria for becoming a teacher.

# What are the initial criteria for being admitted to SARTE?

- If you are going to be a K/12 or Secondary teacher, you must maintain a GPA of at least 2.5.
- If you are going to be an Elementary or Early Childhood teacher, you must maintain a GPA of at least 2.8.

# What are the initial criteria for all teacher candidates?

- C or better in ED 205, ED 294, and Sped 225
- Strong professional dispositions as evidenced by
  - Dispositions assessment filled out by a person of your choice
  - Any dispositions concerns have been successfully remediated
- Written Professional Growth reflection paper based on dispositions self-assessment
- Strong evaluation of ED 205 practicum

# Dispositions Assessment

## filled out by a person of your choice

- Recommended: Current or Previous College Instructor, Work Study Supervisor, Student Organization Advisor, Advisor
- Acceptable: Current Employment Supervisor, Volunteer Experience Coordinator/Supervisor
- Unacceptable: Any family member, previous employment supervisor, or anyone with whom you haven't had substantial interactions within the past year

The assessment can be found on TK20.

Print it and give to the person you choose to fill it out. That person will return it to your advisor.

# What are Professional Dispositions?

- **Expected Dispositions for Teacher Candidates**

- \*A belief that all students can learn.
- \*Acceptance of constructive comments
- \*Adaptability/Flexibility
- \*Appropriate professional self concept
- \*Attendance/Punctuality
- \*Commitment to the teaching profession
- \*Dress/Grooming/hygiene appropriate to setting
- \*Embraces diversity to enhance student learning
- \*Honesty and ethical behavior

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# Professional Dispositions continued.....

- \*Preparation and organization
  - \*Professional Attitude; positive, motivated and enthusiastic
  - \*Rapport with peers, faculty and others
  - \*Rapport with students and children
  - \*Reliability
  - \*Strives for quality & completeness in work
  - \*Takes Initiative and displays responsibility for own learning
  - \*The ability to collaborate effectively with partner(s)
  - \*The ability to complete work on time
  - \*The ability to listen to others and respect different points of view.



# Dispositions Self-Assessment and Professional Growth Essay

1. You complete the Dispositions Self-Assessment
2. After reflecting upon your responses to the assessment, you will respond to the prompt.

Prompt: Based on your responses to your dispositions self-assessment, write a 150-200 word essay reflecting upon your dispositions related to the teaching profession. What are your plans for continued professional growth?

You can find more information about this in TK20.

# ED 205 Evaluation

- Your cooperating teacher for the ED 205 practicum will fill out a final evaluation. The evaluation is based on Professional Dispositions.
- Any concerns that come from the evaluation will be remediated. Successful remediation is required for SARTE.

# Dispositions Concerns

- Sometimes, it is necessary to file a Dispositions Concern for a student. This would happen when an instructor, field experience staff or university supervisor sees evidence that a student is not exhibiting professional dispositions.
- Take a look at the Dispositions Assessment you took in ED 205 to understand what a concern may look like.
- Any dispositions concern must be successfully remediated to be eligible for SARTE.

# When should I be ready for SARTE? Plan Ahead!

- As you are looking ahead to your class schedule timeline, figure out when you will need to take 300 & 400 level classes in your major. Apply to SARTE the semester before you need those classes.
- Be sure to apply to SARTE before registration opens so that you are ready to register on your day.
  - Ready for 300/400 level classes Spring semester: Apply for SARTE in August/September/early October.
  - Ready for 300/400 level classes Fall semester: Apply for SARTE in January/February/March.

# How to apply for SARTE

- The instructions are very clear on our website:  
<https://www.mnstate.edu/education/sarte.aspx>
- Scroll down to where it says Applying for SARTE.

# Basic Skills (reading, writing, math) Competence

- Basic Skills competence is NOT required to be admitted to Teacher Education (SARTE). It is also NOT required to be a licensed MN teacher.
- However.....
  - We highly recommend that you show Basic Skills competence. You can do so by taking the ACT + Writing tests. You most likely have already done so in high school. A score of 23 on the overall test and a 21 on the +writing shows that you have Basic Skills competence.
  - You can take the NES Basic Skills tests if you do not already have eligible scores on the ACT + Writing.

# Why do we recommend Basic Skills Competence?

- School administrators are more likely to hire teacher candidates who have Basic Skills competency.
- Not having Basic Skills competency limits you to a Tier 3 license. A Tier 4 license has the benefit of moving up on the pay scale and only has to be renewed every 5 years.

# What is NES Basic Skills?

- These are a set of Basic Skills tests that the State of MN has approved to show competence if a teacher candidate has not taken the ACT+Writing or does not have high enough scores.
- Link to registration and scheduling of NES: □

<http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/>



# Questions?

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