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, the following criteria are required for entrance into SARTE.
  - GPA of 2.5 or better
  - C or better in ED 205, ED 294, and Sped 225
  - Strong professional dispositions
  - Evidence of personal initiative
  - Basic Skills competence
What are the initial criteria for being admitted to SARTE?

- If you are going to be an Elementary, Special Education, or Early Childhood teacher, the following criteria are required for you.
  - GPA of 2.8 or better
  - C or better in ED 205, ED 294, and Sped 225
  - Strong professional dispositions
  - Evidence of personal initiative
  - Basic Skills competence
What is Personal Initiative?

- Personal initiative consists of the things you do that go “above and beyond.”

- Examples
  - You are involved in extracurriculars at MSUM such as belonging to a club or playing a team sport. Membership in EMSP is a great way to show personal initiative.
  - You do volunteer work.
  - You are a returning student who is seeking a new career.
  - These are just a few examples of personal initiative. Check with your adviser if you have a question about your type of initiative.
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.
Basic Skills

- The State of Minnesota requires that teacher candidates show competence in basic skills in Reading, Writing, and Math, in order to attain a Tier 4 teaching license. You also need this to be fully admitted to SARTE.

- You can show that you have these basic skills in a few different ways.
  - ACT plus Writing score of at least 23 composite and 21 writing
  - Pass NES basic skills tests in Reading, Writing, and Math
  - SAT scores
NES Basic Skills Tests

- If you do not have a composite score of 23 on the ACT and a 21 on the plus Writing, you can still show competency in basic skills by taking the NES Basic Skills Tests.

- Link to registration and scheduling of NES:
  - http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/
Basic Skills continued........

- If you have not shown competence in basic skills in Reading, Writing & Math, you can still earn a MN Teaching License at a Tier 1, 2, or 3.

- This link will take you to more information about Tiered Licensing in MN:
But you said Basic Skills competence is required for SARTE

- It is...at this time. That will be changing next year but at this moment in time, it is still required.

- HOWEVER...if you do not have the required ACT+Writing scores or have not passed the NES Basic Skills tests, we will give you a SARTE PROVISIONAL.

- A SARTE PROVISIONAL lets you register for the 300-400 level courses. It is a temporary fix until we are able to officially take the Basic Skills competence requirement out of SARTE.
Basic Skills continued

- We highly recommend that you take the NES basic skills tests if you do not already have eligible scores on the ACT + Writing.
  - School administrators are more likely to hire teacher candidates who have passed the basic skills tests.
  - Not passing the basic skills tests 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.

HOWEVER.......we want you to know that you can still be a teacher if you are not able to pass the basic skills tests. See Lynn Mahlum, mahlumly@mnstate.edu, if you would like more information.
ED 205 Evaluation

- Your cooperating teacher for the ED 205 practicum will fill out a final evaluation. The evaluation is based on Professional Dispositions.

- The higher the evaluation, the better score you will receive on the SARTE application. This is explained more fully on the SARTE application.

- There will be a link to the SARTE application in two more slides.
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.

- For the SARTE application, you receive more points if you have zero dispositions concerns.
When are you ready for SARTE?

- You have taken ED 205, ED 294, & Sped 225 and received at least a C in each.
- Your GPA is at the required minimum or better.
- You have met the Basic Skills requirement.
- You have the required 23 points on the SARTE worksheet. Go here for the worksheet: https://www.mnstate.edu/education/sarte.aspx
  - Scroll down to SARTE Application for All Majors and click.
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.
Questions?

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