

General Guidelines:

Applied Literacy

The Master of Science in Education in Applied Literacy program provides an opportunity for MTL students to complete their master's degree in a focused area (literacy). The program in Applied Literacy builds upon the curriculum and experiences of the MTL and gives novice teachers increased skill in literacy instruction.

After completing MTL with initial teacher certification, students can apply for admission to the Applied Literacy program. Although students may complete the 18 (elementary) to 21 (middle/secondary) credits required for the master's degree in approximately one and a half years, students have five years from matriculation in MTL to complete the Applied Literacy degree.

Application Instructions for Applied Literacy:

To apply for this program, please submit an Application for Admission to Applied Literacy, a brief (1 to 2) page statement explaining your reason for choosing to enter the Applied Literacy program, one letter of recommendation from a mentor teacher or administrator who has observed your work with students and an official or unofficial transcript of previous USM coursework in MTL to the Office of Graduate Admissions.

Application questions can be directed to:

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