

[Graduate Certificate Teaching of Writing](#)

Program Requirements:

A minimum of 18 credit hours are required for the degree program.

- A minimum of 12 must be at the 5000 level or above
- The certificate, sponsored by the Gateway Writing Project (GWP) includes a 12-semester-hour core of courses (6 hours in invitational institute, a designed 3 hour “topics” course and a 3-hour exit course)
- The remaining 6 hours of elective may be chosen from approved courses in English or Education.

Application Requirements:

1. [Online Graduate Application](#)
2. Statement of Purpose: A 1-2 page essay explaining your interest in the program and why you are a strong candidate.
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended. A Bachelor’s degree is required.
4. Entrance examinations:
 - a. International Students must document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination. See [International Admissions](#) for more information.
5. **Minimum GPA of 2.75 on 4.0 scale**

Application Deadlines:

Domestic Applicants: Fall - July 1 ◊ Spring - December 1 ◊ Summer - May 1

Applications are processed as they are submitted. However, applications that are not received by the posted date may delay admission until the following semester.

Application Fees:

\$50 for domestic applicants

\$40 for international applicants

Graduate Program Director:

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