The Teaching Communication Arts and Literature program prepares leaders in the teaching profession. You'll prepare to think ahead as you develop principles for your own teaching practice. You'll get hands-on experience as both student and teacher. At the same time, you will try out different forms of writing and read engaging texts across many genres. You will take on more and more responsibility as teachers in real classrooms as you learn from your own experiences as students.

Why UMD

- Program meets MN teacher licensure requirements for Teaching Communication Arts and Literature grades 5-12.
- Focused course work coursework on teaching about and with Native Americans, as well as the role of diversity in American education; candidates develop an understanding of working with all learners.
- Field-based program with many weeks of opportunities to be immersed in grade 5-12 classrooms.
- High job placement after graduation.
- STEP candidates classroom hours:
  - Block 1 = 60 hours
  - Block 2 = 60 hours
  - Block 3, student teaching 16 weeks = 640 hours
  - Grand total of 760 hours in the classroom.

Acquired Skills

- Acquire extensive knowledge of literature across time periods and genres.
- Experience writing purposefully across a range of genres.
- Develop a repertoire of strategies for improving students’ reading, writing, and communication.
- Design curriculum and lessons.

Career Possibilities

Entry level positions include middle and high school teacher, editor, journalism, literary critic and public relations.

Scholarships

Students in CEHSP are eligible to apply for more than 100 scholarships each academic year typically totaling $120,000 annually. For more information on scholarship opportunities, visit our scholarship webpage (https://z.umn.edu/scholarshipcehsp).

UMD’s Education Department has over 25 scholarships ranging from $1,000 to $10,000. Scholarships vary in criteria and some are specifically for subject areas or students entering student teaching in the US or starting their student teaching abroad.

Student Clubs

- Education MN Student Association (EMSA)
Faculty Highlights

Faculty have won campus & college awards for outstanding teaching, research, advising and service. They are dedicated teachers, academic advisors, scholarly researchers and curriculum designers.

Graduate Report

Recent UMD Graduates Job Placement Data & Employers

Here's a sampling of positions Teaching Communication Arts and Literature grads have attained six months to one year after graduation.

- Long-Term Substitute English Teacher - Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191, Burnsville, MN
- High School English Teacher, Farmington Area Public Schools, Farmington, MN
- High School English Teacher - Forest Lake Area Schools, Forest Lake, MN
- High School English Teacher, Independent School District 318, Grand Rapids, MN
- High School English Teacher, Westonka Public Schools, Minnetrista, MN

For more data see the Teaching Communication Arts and Literature Graduate Follow-Up Report. For ideas about Teaching Communication Arts and Literature and other majors visit Career & Internship Services.