The Bachelor of Applied Arts (B.A.A.) in Teaching Communication Arts and Literature is offered by the Department of Education in conjunction with the Departments of Communication, and English, Linguistics, and Writing Studies. Students in the Teaching Communication Arts and Literature major have the valuable experience of playing both student and teacher roles at once. Students will try out various forms of writing while learning to teach writing. They will read engaging texts across many genres while learning to teach reading and literature. They will learn from their own experiences as students, as they take on more and more responsibility as teachers in real classrooms. This program prepares leaders in the teaching profession; you will prepare to enter the school settings we see today, but you will also think into the future and “outside the box” as you develop principles for your own practice and possibilities for innovative teaching.

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.

- Substitute Teacher - Proctor Public Schools, Proctor, MN
- Middle School English Teacher - Robbinsdale Area Schools, Robbinsdale, MN
- Teacher - Spring Lake Park Schools, Westwood Middle School, Spring Lake Park, 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.

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