

Concordia Teacher Education Council**IMPORTANT NOTICE****LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY in Written English (the Test)**

As of September 2008, all students enrolling in the B.A. Specialization in Early Childhood and Elementary Education and in the B.F.A. Specialization in Art Education (Visual Arts) must demonstrate sufficient proficiency in written English before completing their program of studies in order to be recommended for certification. As well, students must satisfy any other language requirement set by the university, such as the University Writing Test.

Students are required to pass the Language Proficiency Test in Written English (the Test). This is a two-part exam. The first part will test the ability to write a 300-word coherent and well-developed essay in clear, correct English. The second part will test the ability to recognize and correct errors in English grammar, usage and mechanics.

Students are required to take the Test during their first semester. The Test will be administered during the Fall examination period each December. Students who do not meet the standard will be required to sit the Test again the following December. Students who do not meet the standard in this first try will be well advised to include among their electives one or more courses in English Composition or Grammar so as to be better prepared to write the Test a second time.

Students will be advised of the date, time and place for the Test via e-mail. For ECEE students, the e-mail address on FirstClass will be used. For Art Education students, the e-mail address on record with the Art Department will be used. Information about the Test will be sent in mid-November. It is your responsibility to verify your e-mail in order to receive this information.

Department of Education

ART EDUCATION

Students admitted into Art Education have the choice of either pursuing the Major in Art Education or applying for transfer to the Specialization in Art Education (Visual Arts) after completing the first two years of the B.F.A. Major in Art Education. Those students who are certain that they intend to become teachers and will be applying for admission to the Specialization in Art Education (Visual Arts) at the end of their second year are strongly advised to write the Test in the first year of their admission. This will give them four years to meet the required standard, should that be necessary. Students who wait until their third year will only have two opportunities to meet the standard.

Remember: In order to be recommended for certification, you must meet the standard set for the Test. Do not risk delaying your certification. Take the Test in your first year if there is any possibility that you will be seeking admission to the Specialization in Art Education (Visual Arts).

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