

Application to Teach as a Graduate Student

Name: _____

Term for which you are applying to teach (please circle): Fall Spring

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Academic preparation at EIU (check all that apply)

_____ Have taken ENG 5500

_____ Have taken or currently enrolled in ENG 5502

_____ Have taken ENG 5007

_____ Have worked _____ semesters in the writing center

Order of Materials

Your application should be submitted in the following order:

1. Application to Teach form
2. Cover letter
3. Curriculum vitae
4. Philosophy of teaching writing

Cover Letter

In a one-page cover letter, discuss your academic background, relevant experience, and preparation to teach college composition. Explain why you would be a good candidate to teach first-year writing.

Philosophy of Teaching Writing

In this philosophy statement (maximum of two pages), identify specific concepts, theoretical frames, practical strategies, and teaching methods that exemplify your approach to teaching writing. You can cite scholars and experiences that have influenced how you teach writing, but keep in mind that the statement should provide insight about what students should expect when they take your class.

Details about activities, strategies, and assignments should balance your relation of theory, scholarship, and teaching philosophy.

Please return this signed form and your materials to the Director of Composition. A committee comprised of the Director of Composition, Director of Graduate Studies, Director of the Writing Center, and Assistant Director of the Writing Center will review applications and send recommendations to the Department Chair.

Signature: _____ Date: _____