



**Mountain Prairie Upgrade Partnership
Early Childhood/Deaf Education
Distance Education Degree Program
MPUP-EC**

Return completed form and letter of intent/biography to:
MPUPEC
318 Barkley Memorial Center
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, NE 68583-0738

APPLICATION FORM

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (h): _____ Phone (c): _____

Current Employment: _____

Phone (w): _____ Email: _____

Bachelor Degree: _____
date Institution major GPA

Teaching Credential: _____
State grade level special endorsements/provisional?
(attach xerox copy of teaching certificate)

I am/ I am not (circle one) currently employed as a teacher.

Where: _____
State community district/LEA name

grade levels/ages special education students

I wish to pursue the masters degree in special education with a teaching endorsement in:
 _____ Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE, birth to grade 3)
 _____ Deaf Education (P-grade 12)

I can beginning full-time studies: ___January ___May/June ___August Year: 200-06 07 08

I have conversational skills in English and:
 _____ ASL _____ Spanish _____ other(specify): _____
 _____ Native American Language (specify which): _____

(Optional) I am a member of an underrepresented group in education:
 _____ deaf/hard of hearing _____ other disability
 _____ ethnic/cultural group: _____

When traveling to Lincoln for classes, I would prefer to travel:
 _____ by car _____ by train/plane
 _____ alone _____ with my family _____ with a classmate nearby

When lodging in Lincoln for classes, I would prefer to stay:
 _____ in hotel with my family traveling with me _____ in hotel alone
 _____ at home of my family/friends in Lincoln _____ in hotel with a classmate

I have initiated my application to UNL Graduate Studies on _____
date

Check which you have completed/submitted to-date:

- Official College Transcripts
 Departmental Application Form
 Graduate Studies Application Form
 Graduate Record Exam (GRE) date scheduled/taken: _____
 3 Letters of Recommendation
 I was admitted to UNL Graduate Studies and degree program in SpEd on: _____
date

Upon completion of the MPUP-EC masters degree program, I would like to teach in:

state community check if currently a resident

I am **not** a resident currently of Nebraska, Iowa or Wyoming, but would agree to teach in:
_____ after I complete the MPUP-EC project.

State/Community

Why? _____

For our files: I learned about the MPUP-EC Project through: _____

Please attach to this application form a xerox copy of your transcripts if available, a **two-page biography/statement of interest and a professional vita/resume**. Vita/Resume should include a listing of your degrees, past employment and any unique experiences, awards or skills. The biography/ statement of interest should address:

- *Your experiences with young children or persons with disabilities*
- *Your reasons for pursuing this particular graduate program of specialization*
- *Your professional goals*
- *Anticipated supports and challenges if you return to school as a full-time student*
- *Why the financial assistance, particularly the tuition and \$2,700/year stipend would be useful*

*Applications will be accepted until all available positions have been filled.

NOTE: Upon Acceptance MUP-EC Participants must agree to:

Sign an agreement pledging to all conditions of the project including:

- Enrollment as a full-time student (9-12 cr./semester F, Sp, Su)
- Maintenance of B or better GPA
- Completion of required ASL courses and/or successfully pass *Signed Communication Proficiency Interview (SCPI)* with score of at least 2.75
- Attendance at all weekend sessions and summer courses in Lincoln
- Completion of degree within the two-three year project timelines
- Membership in appropriate professional organizations

Sign Federal Notification of Work or Repay Form agreeing to:

- Employment in Nebraska, Wyoming or Iowa following completion of degree
- Two years employment with young children who are deaf or hard of hearing for each year of financial assistance
- **Or** repay all financial assistance earned if you do not seek/secure such employment for the specified duration.

The University of Nebraska - Lincoln administers all its programs and related support services in a manner which does not discriminate because an individual's race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or political affiliation. The Unive assures reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (see <http://www.unl.edu/ssd/>).