**MINIMUM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR M.ED. COMPREHENSIVE INITIAL TEACHER LICENSURE PROGRAMS**

**SECTION I. MINIMUM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR M.Ed COMPREHENSIVE INITIAL TEACHER LICENSURE PROGRAMS**

1. Bachelor’s degree with minimum of 2.8 GPA (demonstrated through an official transcript)

2. Resume

3. One essay question (constructed at the department’s discretion)

4. One letter of recommendation

5. A process for application review for candidates with extenuating circumstances (constructed at the department’s discretion and can include processes such as essay questions or interviews)

**SECTION II. PROGRAMS AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY**

This policy will apply to all teacher licensure programs at the post-baccalaureate level at the University of Minnesota- Twin Cities.

**SECTION III. RATIONALE AND GUIDANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Admissions processes at the department level should be streamlined in order to reduce barriers for applying to programs without reducing the rigor of admissions for all

potential candidates, with a specific emphasis on attracting and admitting candidates of color.​

Admissions processes must align with Board of Teaching requirements and accreditation expectations. The requirements named in this policy meet both of those agencies’ expectations.

Candidates should have an opportunity to submit materials or participate in an application review process that will allow them to explain extenuating circumstances within their application. This may address issues such as GPA, diversity of experience, non-traditional schooling experience, among others.