

In the state of Iowa, all Gifted and Talented (TAG) teachers and coordinators must be licensed practitioners and must possess the proper endorsement from the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners. The specifics of the endorsement are in 282 Iowa Administrative Code 14.140(13).

During the summer of 2007, Morningside College is pleased to offer the following graduate classes necessary for the Gifted and Talented endorsement:

EDUC 401G Introduction to Teaching the Gifted

{Psychology strand – 3 credit hours}

An analysis of the issues related to educating gifted students with a focus on definitions, identification, characteristics, and strengths/weaknesses of ability grouping, acceleration, and enrichment. Also included are methods of better serving the gifted in general education classrooms.

EDUC 581 Curriculum and Methods for the Gifted

{Programming strand – 3 credit hours}

Specific curriculum and methods of teaching that are appropriate for gifted students

EDUC 580 Development and Management of Gifted Programs

{Administration and Supervision strand – 2 credit hours}

An examination of the major educational approaches in providing programs for gifted students and models for each that have been successful. A focus on establishing criteria for selection, program models, effective ways to implement, and follow-up.

Morningside College is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. All Teacher Education programs offered by Morningside College are fully approved by the Iowa State Department of Education. The Education Department is fully accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).