

Declaration of Minor & Endorsement Area (Freshmen-Single Elementary Education Majors)

This form should be completed in the second semester

All elementary education majors graduate with a **minor in theology**.

Regarding other minors, elementary education majors have **three options** from which to choose.

Please check appropriate box.

☐ **Option 1: Choose no additional minor and earn a grades K-6 standard Minnesota license.**

Students choosing this option do not complete the nine credits of the additional minor, substituting free electives to reach the 130 credits needed in the degree. Although the license will have no grades 5-8 endorsement, students completing this option are still eligible for assignment in grades K-8 in a WELS elementary school. There is no restriction on grade level for student teaching when choosing no additional minor.

☐ **Option 2: Choose an additional minor that leads to a grades 5-8 endorsement on your grades K-6 Minnesota license.**

In order to qualify for the endorsement, students must successfully complete the required coursework, take the appropriate test in the chosen area and complete Student Teaching II in grades 7 and/or 8 in the chosen area. Double minors require another student teaching semester. **(If you desire ONLY the academic minor for these choices, without the endorsement, an additional form is needed. See the academic dean to obtain that form.)**

If choosing Option 2, **indicate** which minor/endorsement area you will pursue.

_____ Communication Arts and Literature (results in grades 5-8 endorsement on K-6 license)

_____ Computer, Keyboard & Related Technology (K-6 endorsement)

_____ Mathematics (results in grades 5-8 endorsement on K-6 license)

_____ Science (results in grades 5-8 endorsement on K-6 license)

_____ Social Studies (results in grades 5-8 endorsement on K-6 license)

_____ Spanish (results in K-8 endorsement on K-6 license)

☐ **Option 3: Choose an additional minor that does not lead to a grades 5-8 endorsement on your grades K-6 Minnesota license.**

In order to finish these minors, students must successfully complete the required coursework. Students completing one of these minors will be eligible for a grades K-6 license only. Although the license will have no grades 5-8 endorsement, students completing this option are still eligible for assignment in grades K-8 in a WELS elementary school. There is no restriction on grade level for student teaching when obtaining a minor without endorsement.

If choosing Option 3, **indicate** which minor area you will pursue.

_____ Art

_____ Coaching

_____ German

_____ Music

_____ Physical Education

_____ Special Education

_____ Urban & Cross-Cultural Education

_____ Urban & Cross-Cultural Education and Spanish

Process:

- 1) Review the courses needed for the minors listed above by accessing the corresponding program plan in the current MLC undergraduate catalog on the MLC website under the Academics tab.
- 2) Meet with your advisor to discuss your options.
- 3) Indicate your choice by checking the appropriate box and line above.
- 4) Submit this declaration to the office of the Academic Dean -Education (WCC150).

Student name: _____
(please print)

Student signature: _____

Advisor signature: _____

Date: _____

SUBMIT FORM TO WCC150—Academic Dean-Education Ministry.
Deadline: Due in Deans' office by Friday before spring break: March 14, 2025.