

Welcome...from Prof. Paul Tess, Director of Field Experiences

Please note: This letter applies to students in the **Education** track only.

Summer 2019

Dear Student in Educational Ministry,

Welcome to Martin Luther College! The staff of the Field Experiences Office is looking forward to meeting you, getting to know you, and working with you. The purpose of this letter is to acquaint you with two of the experience courses in which you will be involved during your first year at MLC.

1. EDU3405 Individual Field Experience (IFE) Hours

Individual Field Experience Hours are essentially service learning opportunities found *outside* your other courses. The hours should be related to the work of the teaching ministry. To complete the course, you are required to record a minimum of 50 hours of experiences. The activities should include work in three categories - A. Interaction with Adults (age 19 & older), B. School Activities, and C. Interaction with Children (ages 0-18). For a complete description of IFE categories and requirements, visit <https://mlc-wels.edu/field-experiences/ife/>.

The 50 hours of experiences are to be completed by the time you apply for student teaching, which usually occurs in the spring semester of your third year. All experiences must have been gained after you graduated from high school. As a result, activities you are doing this summer are acceptable and may be reported for IFE hours. If you would like to submit IFE hours already this summer, use the Click Here icon on the IFE webpage (<https://mlc-wels.edu/field-experiences/ife/>). Note: You will need your Portal log-in information to access the submission form.

2. EDU1401 Early Field Experience I (EFE I) February 29 – March 4, 2020

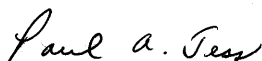
All first-year students in the Education track and Staff Ministry track will participate in EFE I Week from Saturday morning, February 29 through early afternoon on Wednesday, March 4, 2020. The activities of EFE I are designed to introduce you to a variety of aspects of the teaching ministry. The activities listed below are a sampling of what you will do during the five days of EFE I.

1. Hear an inspirational speaker present an overview of the teaching ministry.
2. Listen to and question a panel of teachers who describe the various roles of the Christian teacher.
3. Discuss selected educational articles and videos.
4. Participate in teaching brief lessons to your peers.
5. Participate in sessions on communication and interpersonal skills.
6. Develop learning activities for children.
7. Guide children from an area Lutheran elementary school in a learning activity.
8. Enjoy a variety of practical, educational activities.

Note about traveling home after EFE I: Most upper classmen will be leaving campus for spring break on Friday, February 28. It is important to keep that in mind when making travel plans for your spring break, which begins Wednesday afternoon, March 4. For those flying home, in order to comfortably catch flights out of Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, you should schedule them no earlier than 5:00 P.M.

If you have any questions about information in this letter or field experiences in general, please feel free to email me at tesspa@mlc-wels.edu or call the Field Experiences Office at 507-354-8221.

In Christ,



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