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Dear Master of Science in Reading Candidate,

Welcome to Pittsburg State's Master of Science, Advanced Program in Reading! The Department of Teaching and Leadership, which will be your "home" for your degree, is pleased that you have chosen us for the continuance of your education and professional development. Our goal is to provide you high-quality coursework and effective instructors in a supportive environment. The information provided in the packet offers insight into our program requirements so that you may fulfill the admission steps in a timely fashion and be prepared for the assessment points during and at the end of the program.

Please feel free to contact one of our MS in Reading advisors, Dr. Susan Knell at <a href="mailto:sknell@pittstate.edu">sknell@pittstate.edu</a>, or Dr. Carolyn Fehrenbach at <a href="mailto:cfehrenbach@pittstate.edu">cfehrenbach@pittstate.edu</a>, with any questions or concerns you may have as you proceed to degree completion. (The Teaching and Leadership office number is 620-235-4508.) Best wishes for a successful educational journey!!

Requirements for Admission to Pittsburg State University's Master of Science in Reading Program (Requirements must be submitted as soon as possible but prior to the completion of the first 12 hours of coursework.)

- \*Bachelor's Degree in Education
- \*Meet all COE/KSDE requirements for licensure
- \*Copy of valid teaching license/certificate
- \*Two recommendations (Graduate Study Recommendation Form) completed by a public school administrator, a peer teacher, and/or university instructor
- \*Writing sample based upon Reading Standards (Please see attached prompt, rubric, and standards.)
- \* In alignment with state licensure requirements, Pittsburg State University requires all education majors applying to teacher education to complete a background check with Validity Screening Solutions Background check. Please refer to the Criminal Background Check Instructions for further information.
- \*Conditional entry: If overall GPA is below 3.0 on undergraduate degree, candidate will be admitted on the condition that a 3.0 is maintained in the first 12 hours of coursework.

  NOTE: A GPA of 3.0 is required for successful completion of this program.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED RECOMMENDATION FORMS TO:

PLEASE SEND YOUR WRITING SAMPLE and TEACHING LICENSE TO YOUR ADVISOR AT THE ABOVE EMAIL.

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