

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST – RHETORIC AND LITERARY STUDIES

_____ **Application:** Apply online at <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/graduate/admissions.html>

_____ **Application Fee** of \$50 payable to Colorado Mesa University
Pay online at www.coloradomesa.edu/appfee

Send the following application components to the specific program. (see contact information below):

_____ **Official Transcripts:** Transcripts **are not official unless sent directly to CMU** from the issuing institution.

_____ Waived for CMU/Mesa State College attendees; we can obtain transcripts.

_____ **Bachelor's Degree:** Preferably in English or related programs like Comparative Literature, Cultural Studies, Rhetoric.

_____ **Letter of Intent:** The personal statement (2-3 pages double spaced) is an important part of your application. It is your opportunity to describe (1) your career and intellectual aspirations, (2) the strengths and weaknesses of your preparation for graduate study, and (3) reasons why our program in Rhetoric and Literary Studies will help you reach your goals.

Please note: If you are pursuing the master's degree in education, include an explanation of your philosophy of education and how it connects to your pursuit of this certificate in Rhetoric and Literary Studies.

Letters of recommendation (X 2 for certificate only; X 3 for MAED):

- Limit to one page.
- Indicate how long the recommender has known the applicant and in what capacity.
- Describe the applicant's ability to be self-motivated and to learn independently.
- Identify what attributes make the applicant suited for the graduate certificate program in Rhetoric and Literary Studies.

_____ **Letter of recommendation #1**

_____ **Letter of recommendation #2**

_____ **Letter of recommendation #3 (master's degree students only)**

_____ **Immunization Form** for those younger than 54

Contact Information:

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