Graduate Certificate in Communication Education
(16-credit ONLINE program)

A program designed for individuals interested in teaching at technical and community colleges. Minnesota and many other states have a standard requirement that community and technical college faculty must hold a master’s degree and a minimum of 16 credit hours in-discipline. This graduate certificate provides a means for anyone who holds a master’s in another discipline to obtain a certificate in communication studies to enable them to teach speech communication courses.

**Major Core Course - 3 credits**
CMST 633: Communication for Professionals (3 cr)

**Major Restricted Electives - 3 credits**
CMST 602 Communication Pedagogy (3 cr)
CMST 605 Teaching Communication Studies Online (3 cr)

**Major Restricted Electives - 10 credits**
CMST 515: Topics in Rhetoric and Culture (3 cr)
CMST 535: Forensics Pedagogy (3 cr)
CMST 545: Conflict Management (3 cr)
CMST 550: NFL Pedagogy (1-3 cr)
CMST 551: NFL-Introduction to Debate (1-3 cr)
CMST 552: NFL-Advanced Debate (1-3 cr)
CMST 553: NFL-Basics in Forensics (1-3 cr)
CMST 554: NFL-Introduction to Interpretation (1-3 cr)
CMST 555: NFL-Advanced Interpretation (1-3 cr)
CMST 556: NFL-Introduction to Argumentation (1-3 cr)
CMST 557: NFL-Advanced Argumentation (1-3 cr)
CMST 620: Modern Rhetorical Criticism (3 cr)
CMST 621: Advanced Interpersonal Communication (3 cr)

**Admission to the Certificate Program**

**Requirements:**
1. 2.75 GPA or better on overall undergraduate work
2. 3.00 GPA or better on overall undergraduate work in the last two years.

**Send the following to the Communication Studies Department:**
1. A statement of personal, educational and professional goals (email directly to kathleen.steiner@mnsu.edu)

**Send the following to the College of Graduate Studies:**
1. Completed Application for Graduate Study available online at [https://secure.mnsu.edu/graduate/](https://secure.mnsu.edu/graduate/)
2. Two official transcripts from undergraduate degree-granting institution(s)
3. Completed immunization form online at [http://grad.mnsu.edu/forms/immunization.pdf](http://grad.mnsu.edu/forms/immunization.pdf)
4. A $40 fee is required of applicants applying to a program.

*College of Graduate Studies and Research*
115 Alumni Foundation Center
Mankato, MN 56001

Once all of the necessary documents have been received, the Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) in the Communication Studies department examines applications and determines if requirements have been met. If an applicant does not meet the requirements, admission may be provisional. Probationary status may be granted under the following conditions: Acceptable performance on the GRE of 1200 OR acceptance of a student petition and contingency of adherence to contract terms.

Admitted applicants to the Communication Studies Graduate Certificate Program must maintain a scholastic standing of 3.0 GPA in overall graduate coursework.

Effective: Fall 2011