

Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete
Grad Program Applying To: MIT

Iteration Name: 202540_GR_G
Program Name: MIT

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Christina Tollefson
Recommenders Institution: Nisqually Middle School
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: ELA Department lead
Contact Name: Micaela Byington
Recommendation Waiver Choice:
Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 04/14/2025 10:36 AM
Recommendation Type: General
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000121969874

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:
Time since last contact with applicant:
Relationship with Applicant:
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:
Communication Skills - Oral:
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:
Ability to handle stress:
Ability to analyze/problem solve:
Openness to feedback:
Ability to work in a team:

Applicant ability as self-directed learner:
Applicant as productive member of group:
Applicant most significant strengths:
Responsibility/reliability:
Communication skills - written:
Ability to work independently:
Ability to think critically:
Ability to think creatively:
Potential for leadership:
Personal/professional reflection:

Description Information

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Other Information

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To:

The Evergreen State College
Masters in Teaching program
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To whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure that I have this opportunity to recommend Micaela Byington for your Masters in Teaching program. This past school year, I have worked with Ms. Byington as her direct supervisor in her role as our English language arts, ELA, department paraeducator here at Nisqually middle school. My position is both the ELA department lead teacher and I also run our reading intervention program. Ms. Byington's role is to not only support our students in our intervention class but also in their core, general education classes.

Ms. Byington has taken on a tremendous role in helping provide support to our students and has truly excelled in this position. Working with our staff, Ms. Byington has consistently demonstrated adaptability and initiative, seamlessly stepping into a variety of roles and taking on diverse responsibilities as needed by both staff and students. In her position, she provides support for students in over 11 different classes, varying not only by grade level but also by content area. Some of these responsibilities have included supporting 8th graders breaking down informational texts in a science class, providing small group instruction to 6th graders working through the writing process, conducting fluency checks every Friday to monitor our students oral fluency and more. Our school has a large population of multi language learners, particularly Spanish speaking students. As a bilingual educator, Ms. Byington has been a real asset supporting such students in the general education setting, helping them better access the lessons, build on the skills in focus and achieve success. Ms. Byington's work with students reflects a deep commitment to fostering growth and well-being, always meeting needs with compassion and professionalism. I have witnessed many breakthrough moments from students as they worked alongside Ms. Byington.

Ms. Byington's consistent efforts and dedication to student success has been a steady and invaluable presence in our community. I am grateful such a passionate, dedicated educator is seeking such an opportunity to continue her path in education through this program. I have every confidence that Ms. Byington will make an exceptional addition to your program and the teaching profession. Please don't hesitate to reach out if I can provide any further insight into their qualifications.

Sincerely,

Christina Tollefson
ELA department lead teacher
Reading intervention program
Nisqually Middle School
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