Dear Erin,

Congratulations! I am pleased to offer you **conditional** **acceptance** to the Master in Teaching (MiT) Program at The Evergreen State College, starting September 29, 2014. We are delighted that you want to become a teacher and serve your community. You have been accepted as a candidate seeking endorsements in **Middle Level Science** and **Middle Level Humanities**.

Based on the decision of the admission committee, your admission is **conditional pending completion** of the following requirements:

**Official SAT test scores**

**Official passing WEST E scores for Middle Level Science and Middle Level Humanities**

**Adolescent literature course**

**2 credits in multicultural literature**

The Admissions committee also encourages you to strengthen your physics background, and to strongly consider taking two credits of grammar studies in summer 2015 in order to prepare you for teaching academic language in the middle school environment (please discuss with your faculty next spring). If you have questions about these conditional requirements, please contact Maggie Foran, the MiT Certification and Advising Officer, at foranm@evergreen.edu or (360) 867-6559.

The rest of this lengthy letter contains detailed information you will need to **read carefully, act upon, and save for future reference**.

To hold your place in the MiT class beginning September 2014, you will need to do the following as soon as possible but no later than **14 days** **from the date of this letter**.

1. Inform the Office of Admissions, in writing, of your decision to accept or decline this offer of admission at: Admissions Office, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA 98505-0002
2. Submit a non-refundable $100 tuition deposit either through your my.evergreen.edu account or along with the enclosed tuition deposit form. Your deposit will be applied toward tuition for Fall Quarter, 2014. If your deposit is not received within 30 days of the date of this letter, this offer of admission expires and your place in the MiT program may be given to another applicant.

Please note that you must have a passing WEST E score(s) for one of the endorsement areas and the SAT scores into the Office of Admissions for either of the endorsements no later than September 23, 2014 in order to start our graduate program and to qualify for financial aid.

Please also note you must have the remaining WEST E score into the Office of Admissions by Dec. 31 in order to move forward with certification in the second area. All additional conditional course and credit requirements listed above must be completed during summer 2015 and no later than August 21, 2015. If you take the summer at an institution other than Evergreen, you must send an official transcript to the Office of Admissions documenting that coursework by November 1, 2015.

A required orientation session will be held, tentatively on Saturday, September 20, 9 am – 4 pm at Evergreen’s Olympia campus, and the program begins September 29, 2014. Please make arrangements in your life to have sufficient time to complete all assigned readings, papers and projects for the full 16 graduate level credits each quarter. All credits must be earned each quarter to advance in the program - incompletes or partial credit is grounds for not being allowed to continue.

State education codes require that teacher candidates must have fingerprint and Washington State Patrol and FBI background check clearance before we can place you in schools. Therefore, make plans to be fingerprinted in August or early September 2014 and bring proof of current fingerprints (receipt from where fingerprints were done) to orientation. The most convenient, fastest, and reliable way to be fingerprinted is at one of the state’s Educational Service District offices with the two closest locations to Olympia at ESD 113 in Tumwater and ESD 121 in Renton. See <http://www.evergreen.edu/mit/forms.htm> for details. Fingerprints are valid for two years and must be current at all times in MiT. If you already have current fingerprints on file with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, please contact MiT field placement officer Loren Petty at pettyl@evergreen.edu so he can verify.

Please review the required forms which will be completed at orientation, found at: <http://www.evergreen.edu/mit/forms.htm>, especially the Character and Fitness supplement form 4020B. If you have any yes answers in Section II questions 3-11, Section III or Section IV, please contact MiT field placement officer Loren Petty at pettyl@evergreen.edu in August to discuss how to obtain a clearance letter in time to begin field experiences in classrooms in October.

If you are interested in applying for financial aid, you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Information about how to apply for financial aid can be found at: <http://www.evergreen.edu/mit/financialaid.htm>.

Over the coming month you will be receiving information about orientation and registration by email. Please set up your Evergreen email and my.evergreen.edu account as soon as possible so you do not miss any correspondence from college offices, including notification of your financial aid award. In addition, make plans now to ensure you have reliable transportation you can use to attend field placements and student teaching sites in a timely manner wherever you are assigned within a 40 mile radius of our campus.

Finally, the state of Washington has passed legislation that requires people entering teacher education programs take and pass the Washington Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) during student teaching in order to be recommended for certification. The anticipated fee is $300.

Again, my sincere and warmest congratulations on your acceptance into the Evergreen MiT program. We look forward to meeting and working with you.

Dr. Sherry Walton, Director

Master in Teaching Program