The following strategies are used to recruit candidates for the Elementary Education and Reading graduate programs:

The School of Graduate Studies staff attend recruiting events in Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri. Two events focus specifically on recruiting minority students.

The department hosts informational sessions for prospective students.

The department is represented at the informational sessions conducted at WIU-QC.

Information is available on the Department of Curriculum and Instruction website (www.wiu.edu/curriculum).

Information is sent via postal mail to teachers who receive tuition waivers for mentoring our preservice candidates and student teachers.

Information is sent via postal mail and email to teachers and schools in Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri.

Information is distributed during the PreK-8 Science Update Conference.

Information is available on various pages of the university website.

The following are admission policies for the Elementary Education and Reading programs:

1. Candidates must be accepted into the Western Illinois University Graduate School.

2. Candidates must have an overall 2.75 GPA from their undergraduate degree or a 3.0 during the last two years of the undergraduate degree.

3. Candidates must have a teaching certificate.

4. Candidates are accepted or rejected by the department graduate committee.

5. Accepted candidates are assigned an advisor.