APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION*
Certificate in Publishing
Department of Creative Writing

Student’s Name: ____________________________  ID#: ____________________________
UNCW e-mail: ____________________________  Phone: ____________________________

Anticipated Graduation (May/December/Summer): ___________ of 20 _____

Integral to the Department of Creative Writing, the Publishing Laboratory incorporates into the apprenticeship of creative writers an applied learning experience in the process by which literary manuscripts are edited and designed into books and sold to a wide audience. Courses leading to the certificate offer students opportunities to study the history of the book, the art of editing, and culture and commerce of publishing. For students interested in pursuing a career in book or journal publishing or attending graduate school in a related field, the certificate offers a foundation in the book arts.

Educational goals:
2. Ability to critically evaluate a manuscript and prepare it for publication (e.g., proficiency in copy editing, grammar, mechanics, spelling, formatting, style).
3. Innovative use of desktop publishing technology to design and produce a trade book and ability to discuss its aesthetic properties in appropriate artistic and professional terms.
4. Ability to critically evaluate the design and manufacture of a trade book, demonstrating a clear understanding of the relationship between a book’s writing and its physical properties.

*Applications accepted no later than 5 p.m., Sept. 15 or Jan. 31. Application and statement will not be returned.

_____ I have been accepted into the BFA program. Date: __________

_____ I have completed CRW [Circle:] 321 / 322 and received a grade of ____. Instructor: __________

_____ I understand that in order to successfully complete the certificate program, I must earn a grade of B or higher in both introductory courses, CRW 321 and 322. If I earn a B- or lower in either course, I will not be allowed to graduate with the Certificate.

_____ I hold an overall grade point average of 2.77 or higher. Current GPA: __________

_____ I have attached a 500-word statement of my interest and goals in publishing for review by the faculty. (Please include name and contact information on the statement.)

While plagiarism is unacceptable in any course, it is particularly reprehensible in creative writing courses, most of which are centered upon the improvement of the original writing of students. Therefore, in addition to the normal penalties for plagiarism at UNCW, in the Department of Creative Writing, students who submit plagiarized work will be dismissed from Bachelor of Fine Arts program.

Student’s Signature: __________________________________________  Date: __________________________

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BFA: ____  Grade in 321: ____  322: ____  Overall GPA: ____
Application: ( ) Approved  Comments: __________________________________________________________
  ( ) Denied  __________________________________________________________
Signature/Date ______________________________________________________________________________
(Chairperson or Designee)