## Continuous Assessment Plan

**Program:** Masters of Arts Middle & Secondary Level: Graduate  
**CIP Code:** 13.1203 & 13.1205  
**College of Education**  
**Assessment Year:** 2004-2005; **Student Data:** 2003-2004

### Mission and Goal Statement
- **MSU Mission:** Murray State University serves as a residential, regional university offering core programs in the liberal arts, humanities, sciences and selected high quality professional programs. Murray State shall offer a limited number of master’s degrees as well as the specialist program in education.
- **MSU Goal:** To produce graduates who exhibit the following characteristics: 8. Demonstrate master of their chosen field of study in preparation for a successful, productive life.

### Data Collection Instruments

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### Summative Assessment
- **Comprehensive Exam**  
  - Pass/Fail  
  - All students passed
- **Verification of GPA**  
  - 3.0 or higher  
  - Verified
- **Verification of Program of Studies**  
  - Coursework completed  
  - Verified

### Program Improvement
- Four new endorsements were added to the programs specialization. These have been approved and will be monitored for student enrollment and program effectiveness.
- Program faculty are exploring the possibility of designating the research study developed in ADM 630 and EDU 649 as a program check point for continuous assessment planning.

### Program Decision Made:
**1/22/04**

### Decision-Making Committee:
- **Graduate Studies Committee**

### Committee Members:
- Ken Purcell, graduate coordinator
- Sharon Gill, faculty
- Janis Murphy, faculty
- Dana Harader, faculty
- Sara Oliver, public school teacher
- Stephanie Wyatt, public school administrator