

## **Advanced Program Writing Sample Instructions**

You are asked to prepare a sample of writing that represents your ability to engage in clear writing and critical thinking. The writing sample will consist of an essay of three to five pages (1500 words maximum) describing all of the following topics:

- Describe your rationale for applying to this graduate program and your professional goals related to this course of study;
- What are some of the challenges that face educators in public education today? How might continued study support you in mediating these challenges or supporting possible solutions in your context?
- Describe a trend in education and your perception of its effects for learners and systems of education;
- Reflect on your career in education up to this point;
- Describe a success that you experienced and why you considered this experience a success;
- Describe a situation that did not result in a positive outcome and what you might have done differently.

### **Expectations for a Passing Writing Sample**

Your writing should be efficient and readable, making it possible for your audience to read straight through your writing without confusion. To meet these criteria, you should edit (or re-edit) and polish each part of your writing.

### **Formatting the Writing Sample**

Your writing sample should be typed and double-spaced with 1-inch margins. The submission should have the following heading:

Name  
Student ID (optional)  
Statement of Professional Objectives  
Date

**Please email, fax, or mail writing sample to:**

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