

School of Education
Teacher Certification Programs
Common Admission Essay

In a concise and carefully crafted essay, explain why you want to become a teacher and discuss what you think makes a good teacher. Make sure to consider the following statements, in no particular order:

- *What qualities do you think make a good teacher and why?*
- *How do teachers influence the motivation, positive learning results, behavior, and achievement of students?*
- *How can teachers support all students? What do you think they can do to specifically support students who are not initially successful?*
- *How can teachers promote creativity and curiosity in students?*

The essay must be typed using a Times New Roman or similar font, 12 point, single spaced, and two pages long (approximately 1000 words). Do not answer each of the questions separately; rather write one coherent composition. Please note that the essay also serves as a writing sample, so it is important to submit a carefully reviewed paper.