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Special Education MAT Writing Sample Instructions

*Please note that these instructions are specific for the MAT program and are **not appropriate** for applicants preparing a writing sample for the **M.Ed. or Grad. Cert. programs** in Special Education.*

You are asked to prepare samples of writing that represent your ability to engage in clear writing and critical thinking. The writing samples will consist of two (2) formal papers. Each should be 1-2-page typewritten and double-spaced.

- The first should contain a statement of your professional goals in applying to the program and the educational experiences that have led to these goals.
- The second should describe your commitment to diversity in classroom and school settings.

The two papers will be evaluated for the compatibility of your objectives and strengths with the program aims.

Expectations for a Passing Writing Sample

Your papers should possess the following qualities: a clear focus that is maintained throughout each topic; adequate support (explanation and examples) that appear in substantive body paragraphs consisting of appropriate transitions, your critical thinking, and paragraph conclusions; effective concluding paragraphs and technical proficiency (grammar, spelling, proofreading and polish).

In short, 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 samples should be typed and double-spaced with 1-inch margins. Each submission should have the following heading:

Name
Student ID (optional)
Statement of Professional Objectives
Date

Please email, fax, or mail writing samples to:

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