



Personal Statement

Program Admissions

Applicant Name: _____ Program: _____ Date: _____

Please check program applying to

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Prep | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling and Guidance | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Leadership |

DIRECTIONS: The following statements are elements of the School of Education Vision. Please discuss each statement from your own perspective. Include personal and professional experiences, with specific examples as appropriate. Please compose a short paragraph reflecting your thoughts on each element. Your writing is to be completed on computer and attached to this cover sheet.

The School of Education Vision

In accordance with the mission of CLU, the School of Education seeks to develop **reflective, principled** educators who STRIVE to:

Serve as mentors and models for moral and ethical leadership

Philosophy: We believe that we have the moral responsibility to lead, guide, and educate the young. Teaching is an honorable vocation that demands a high level of committed service.

Think critically to connect theory to practice

Philosophy: We believe that theory and practice are integrally related. Theory both informs and is informed by practice that is researched, examined, and tested in a critical, thoughtful manner.

Respect all individuals

Philosophy: We believe that all individuals have worth and should be treated with dignity and respect.

Include and respond to the needs of all learners

Philosophy: We believe that all individuals can learn. It is our responsibility to understand students and their needs and to organize meaningful learning opportunities in response to those needs.

Value Diversity

Philosophy: We believe that diversity enriches the learning environment. A rich variety of family and economic backgrounds, languages, cultures, religious beliefs, sexual orientations, disabilities, and learning styles are invited and honored.

Empower individuals to participate in educational growth and change

Philosophy: We believe in the need to create schools that are purposeful, moral, and successful learning communities.