

Rubric for Admission Essay

Requirements:

- A. Length: 1 ½ to 3 pages, typed, double-spaced
- B. Format: correct form, grammar, and mechanics
- C. Topics to be addressed:
 1. Biographical and family information
 2. Previous experiences in educational settings working with children or youth
 3. Goals, ideals for completing your education, teaching, and future aspirations
 4. Discussion of what makes a teacher successful and what qualities you possess that will help you be a good educator

CONTENT	TARGET-3	ACCEPTABLE-2	UNACCEPTABLE-1	SCORE
1. Biographical and family information	Relevant, telling, quality details give important information that goes beyond the obvious or predictable.	Supporting details and information are relevant, but some key issues or portions are unsupported.	Evidence and examples are not relevant and/or are not explained.	
2. Previous experiences in educational settings working with children or youth	Relevant, telling, quality details give important information that goes beyond the obvious or predictable.	Supporting details and information are relevant, but some key issues or portions are unsupported.	Evidence and examples are not relevant and/or are not explained.	
3. Goals, ideals for completing your education, teaching, and future aspirations	All of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the goals and ideals.	Most of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the goals and ideals.	Evidence and examples are not relevant and/or are not explained.	
4. Discussion of what makes a teacher successful and what qualities you possess that will help you be a good educator	Discusses three or more success strategies and qualities.	Discusses two success strategies and qualities.	Evidence and examples are not relevant and/or are not explained.	
5. Format, Grammar and mechanics of paper (scored using LearnATest)	Score of 6 in all areas	Average score of 3.5 or above for all areas	Average score below 3.5 for all areas	

Overall Score _____ (Overall score cannot be higher than lowest individual score.)
 3=Target 2=Acceptable 1=Unacceptable