



## PERSONAL STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

### BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN TEACHER EDUCATION

As part of your application to the Bachelor of Applied Science Teacher Education program, we invite you to submit a personal statement that addresses the following four (4) prompts. Personal statements can take the form of an essay or an audio recording. Essays must be stick to the word count for each prompt and must be double spaced, with Aptos or Calibri 12pt font. Audio submissions must be no longer than 5 minutes.

Be sure to save the file in this format: Lastname\_Firstname\_StudentID\_Personal Statement (e.g. Doe\_John\_202333444\_Personal Statement) Do not use any special characters: accents, tildes, symbols, etc. (examples: è, é, ñ, &, \*, #)

#### **Prompts:**

1. Describe a time you were presented with new information that challenged your belief system. How did you respond and what was the result? (200 words)
2. Our families and communities often define us and our individual worlds. Community might refer to your cultural group, extended family, religious group, neighborhood or school, sports team or club, co-workers, etc. Describe the world you come from and how it has shaped you in becoming who you are. (200 words)
3. Teaching is a challenging, demanding profession that requires passion to sustain. Why do you want to become a teacher? What experiences shaped that desire? (200 words)
4. Imagine you are doing your student teaching, and a parent contacts you. They are upset about how you taught about Thanksgiving, which you taught from the perspective of the Native Americans. How would you handle this complaint? (200 words)

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## Essay tips

**Prompt 1:** In this question, we are looking for answers that demonstrate a growth mindset. Students who are successful in the BAS-TE program demonstrate a willingness to learn and try new things. We want to admit students who are open minded and willing to take academic risks, to stretch themselves, learn, and grow.

**Prompt 2:** In this question, we are looking for answers that demonstrate that students have a sense of self and community. In the BAS-TE program, you will be asked to investigate yourself and deeply reflect on who you are, as introspection is a key component of being a good teacher.

**Prompt 3:** In this question, we are looking for students who demonstrate a passion for the profession. We want to know why you want to become a teacher and what drives you to do this work.

**Prompt 4:** In this question, we are attempting to gauge your critical thinking skills. The BAS-TE program is rigorous, students are asked to grapple with difficult topics and engage in higher order thinking. To be successful in the BAS-TE program, you will need critical thinking skills.

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