



REFLECTIVE ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN TEACHER EDUCATION

One element of the BAS-TE application is to submit a writing sample. The sample will be a personal reflective essay, in your own words, of why you want to be an educator. Share what has brought you to the point of your life that you want to be certified in elementary education.

Create a personal essay to include, but not limited to:

- Previous experience, career goals, and/or application of the degree to your career advancement
- Personal hardships or barriers that you have overcome
- Experiences that have shaped your view on education
- Description of your traits, skills, or characteristics you can provide to the program

Preference will be given to those submissions that adhere to the following essay requirements:

- At the top of the first page, include your first and last name and student ID
- No less than three (3) pages and no more than five (5) pages (double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font)
- No photos or graphics should be attached
- Limit your use of references. This requirement of the application is meant to be a personal reflection and does not require use of citations or references
- Please ensure that all submissions are free of spelling and grammatical errors. All reflective essays will be rated on your ability to share your voice and thoughts related to being an educator

How to Submit Your Essay

Attach a PDF of your essay to the online application form where indicated.