

**SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY
M.Ed. REFLECTIVE ESSAY**

Please print:

Applicant's Name _____

Applicant's Date of Birth _____ **SSU ID# or SS#** _____

DIRECTIONS: Applicants must prepare a one-page typed essay reflecting on the following statements:

Shawnee State University Teacher Education program is committed to preparing “learner-centered, inquiring professionals.” We see the following teacher characteristics as essential of highly qualified educators:

- Sensitivity to cultural and individual differences among students when planning and carrying out instruction
- Interest in providing an emotionally and physically safe school environment that is fair, supportive, challenging, and conducive to learning
- A willingness to communicate and collaborate with parents, other professional educators, staff, and community members
- A commitment to effective classroom instruction and assessment that meets the needs of all students
- A willingness to accept feedback and reflect on personal effectiveness with regard to impact on student learning
- An enthusiasm for continuing learning and improvement
- A concern for exhibiting professional behavior in all aspects of one's teaching career

In your reflective essay, please indicate how you see yourself growing/developing in any of the above teacher characteristics through your participation in the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction Program.

Essays are blindly and independently reviewed by the M.Ed. Admissions Committee members. To be reviewed, essays must adhere to the following criteria:

- Typed, double-spaced, 1” margins on all sides, 12 point font, Times New Roman
- ONE side of ONE page maximum (8 1/2” x 11” sheet of paper)
- STAPLED to this NOTARIZED form
- **NO** personal identifying information on the typed essay (i.e., your name, SSU ID#, etc)

I hereby affirm the contents of this autobiography are my original work.

APPLICANT Signature

DATE

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NOTARY SEAL
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Sworn and subscribed before me this _____ **day of** _____, _____.

Notary Signature

My commission expires _____.

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