Essay Instructions

To the Applicant

As you complete the Essay, please be aware that this document has considerable influence on the decision to admit you as a degree candidate. Academic Directors and The Committee for Academic Standards and Practices (admissions committee) review this document thoroughly and consider it to be important. The committee considers whether:

1. the applicant demonstrates college-level written communication skills, with serious attention given to grammar, punctuation, spelling, organization, vocabulary, and clarity of thought, and

2. the specified academic program appears to meet the career or educational goals of the applicant.

The application process is an opportunity to reflect on your experiences, abilities, achievements, and goals. We encourage you to share with us some of your personal insights about those experiences and influences that have shaped the professional or educational aspects of your life. Our intent is to get to know you as a person, not just as an applicant. Be assured that your confidentiality is always respected.

Thank you,
The Committee for Academic Standards and Practices

Instructions

On a separate sheet of paper, please write an essay (approximately two pages, double-spaced) indicating how you think this degree will enhance your career plans and/or meet your educational goals. Try to be as specific as possible in answering the questions below.

What do you expect to learn and achieve in your degree program?

Discuss the kind of professional position you anticipate having five years after you earn this degree.

What experiences have you had that form the foundation for these career or educational goals?