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Instructions for the Statement of Professional Objectives Writing Sample

You are asked to prepare a sample of writing that represents your ability to engage in clear writing and critical thinking. The writing sample is a Statement of Professional Objectives, consisting of a 2-3-page formal paper containing a statement of your professional goals related to what is needed to teach students in Alaska and beyond and the educational experiences that have led to these goals. State how this program for advanced teaching candidates might help in attaining your professional goals. (An advanced teaching candidate is someone who is currently teaching, has taught, has experience in education or has a teaching credential/certificate with access to a classroom for field experience.) The paper will be evaluated for the compatibility of your objectives and strengths with the program aims.

Expectations for a Passing Statement of Professional Objectives

Your paper should possess the following qualities: a clear focus that is maintained throughout, adequate support (explanation and examples) that appear in substantive body paragraphs consisting of appropriate transitions, your critical thinking and paragraph conclusions; effective concluding paragraphs and technical proficiency (grammar, spelling, proofreading and polish).

In short, your writing should be efficient and readable, making it possible for your audience to read straight through your writing without confusion. To meet these criteria, you should edit (or re-edit) and polish each part of your writing.

Formatting the Statement of Professional Objectives

Your writing sample should be typed and double-spaced with 1-inch margins and page numbers from the second page forward. Your submission should have the following heading:

Name
Student ID (optional)
Statement of Professional Objectives
Date (current)