



Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership for Social Justice Writing Assessment

When submitting your department application, please upload a double-spaced written response to the following questions to help us understand your thinking about improving PK-16 education. Be specific. Cite examples from your own work where appropriate. Your paper should be between 5 and 10 pages. Please do not exceed 10 pages.

Longitudinal national data continues to provide evidence that public PK-16 schools graduate large numbers of students who are not adequately prepared (e.g., for continued education, the world of work, and/or democratic citizenry).

What do you see as the root causes of this problem?
What can or should leaders in public PK-16 education do to alter the status of U.S. schools so that currently underachieving students are successful academically and in other areas of their development?
In what ways do you see your pursuit of the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership as an avenue for you to contribute to needed changes, including your interests in possible dissertation research topics and your role as a leader?

Evaluation Criteria

Representation of the issue
Discussion of causes
Identification of needed changes
Links between leadership, school improvement, doctoral work and professional goals
References to equity
Quality of arguments