

## Checkpoint 1 Essay Questions, Prompts, Rubric, and General Writing Guidelines

### Essay Question:

What draws you to the education profession?

### Prompts for writing the content of your essay:

This essay is a response to the question.

Please be concise because you have a limited number of words to answer the question.

Consider these prompts as ideas to get you started. You are not required to answer each question prompt in your essay. The prompts are meant to stimulate your thinking prior to writing the essay in your own words.

- Why do you do you want to become a teacher and what will you do?
- What is your passion for teaching?
- Are you writing a personal, unique essay that no one else could write?
- Is it a careful weaving of belief statements and examples of how you put those beliefs in action, or how you have seen others do this?
- Is it a reflection of positive experiences, or negative experiences that have helped you learn?
- Think of this document as something you might write for a future employer, like a principal of a school at which you are applying for a job.

The essay is not:

- It is not written about “the profession.” It is written about you!
- It is not a jargon-filled summary of your favorite methods.
- It is not a review of all of your job experiences (that is, it is not a resume).

### Essay writing requirements:

- 500 to 750 words
- Double-spaced
- Times New Roman font
- 1 inch margins
- Essay includes title page
- Submit your essay 4 weeks prior to the local TEC meeting
- The rubric for this essay and General essay writing guidelines can be found at <http://bv.edu/bv/teachered/checkpoint-applications-current-catalogs>.
- Students may utilize SmartThinking’s writing review services to review essays prior to submission. Smartthinking Online Tutoring can be accessed through any course within Canvas.