

When writing your **Personal Statement/Essay**, please focus on **any and/or all** of the following:

1. Teaching experience
  - a. Years, nature of prior/current teaching experience with young children (what ages/grades)
  - b. Teaching experience with other age groups
  - c. Other experience caring for/working with young children
2. If your educational background (e.g., bachelor's degree), is not in early childhood or a related field, explain why you want to pursue a degree in early childhood education; specifically, what do you plan to do with a degree in ECE?
3. What are your main strengths? What are the areas that you are still working on (e.g., weaknesses)?
4. Why do you think you are a good candidate for our program?
5. Give an example of a time that you faced a challenge/difficulty while teaching or as a part of your studies (if you do not have teaching experience) and explain how you solved the problem/addressed the issue.