

Statement of Purpose/Goals Statement Cover Sheet
College Of Education **M.Ed. Program**

Directions for the Applicant:

This cover sheet must be completed and attached to the statement of Professional goals that you are submitting to the College of Education for the purpose of admission to the University. If any of the information is missing, the statement will not be accepted and your file will be considered incomplete. All information required **must** be typed or printed on this form. The attached essay must be typed.

Applicant's Name: _____

Middle Name: _____ **Maiden Name (if any):** _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____

Zip Code: _____ **Country:** _____

On the following line, please enter the program you are applying to from the list below. Please type the program title as it appears in the list below.

- Instructional Leadership – Early Childhood Education
- Instructional Leadership - Educational Studies
- Instructional Leadership - Elementary Education
- Instructional Leadership – Literacy, Language and Culture
- Instructional Leadership – Policy Studies
- Instructional Leadership - Secondary Education **Specialization Area**
(For **Specialization Area** enter Chemistry, History, English, Spanish, French, German or Physics)
- Measurement, Evaluation, Statistics, and Assessment
- Special Education - **Specialization Area**
(For **Specialization Area** enter Concentration One, Concentration Two or Concentration Three)
- Youth Development

Please enter the term that you are applying
(e.g.: Fall, Spring, Summer): _____ Year: _____

Some questions or issues you should address in your statement are listed below. You should not limit your statement to these, but you may use these issues as a guide for writing the statement.

If you are applying for the Secondary Education M.Ed. program, please address the following in your goal statement, in addition to some of the questions listed below:

Please describe your attitudes about and interest in URBAN education, experience working with youth, teaching area and goals for the M.Ed. program. (Preference will be given to applications with a strong commitment to working in urban settings such as the Chicago Public Schools.)

If you are applying to the Policy Studies M.Ed., please use the following three questions as a guide for your essay:

1. Who are you and what are your experiences with and/or beliefs about working with children/youth in urban environments?
2. What are your professional goals and how do you believe that obtaining an M.Ed. in Instructional Leadership with a concentration in Policy Studies will help you achieve those goals?
3. Why do you believe that UIC will be a good "fit" for you in your pursuit of these goals?

If you are applying to the Elementary Education Program, you should make it clear in your essay if you are currently employed in a teaching position with a Type 29 or other provisional certificate.

1. If you are applying to the Instructional Leadership - Secondary Education Program you should make it clear which subject area you will specialize in (Chemistry, History, English, Spanish, French, German or Physics).
2. If you are applying to the Special Education program you should make it clear what your area of interest is (Concentration One, Concentration Two or Concentration Three).
3. If you are applying to the Instructional Leadership - Educational Studies Program you should make clear which interest area you wish to pursue, noting that it is not satisfied by often existing programs.
4. What are your reasons for applying to the above program?
5. How did you get interested in applying for the above program?
6. What experiences have you had that sparked your interest in the above program?
7. What experiences have you had that sparked your interest in pursuing a career in the above area?
8. What are your goals for the entire program?
9. What would you like to leave this program with (e.g., talents, experiences)?
10. What are your experiences with, and beliefs about, working with children/youth in urban environments?

Please review the individual web page or brochures for the program that you are applying for. Each program may have different questions to be addressed or different lengths for the essay.

Your statement should be written in the form of an essay. Do not answer each of the questions above individually. You should incorporate your answers and any other relevant information into a well-written, interesting and informative essay that describes interests in education, and the career you intend to pursue.

Once you have read and completed the reverse side of this form you should attach it to your statement and mail it to the Student Services Office in the College of Education at the address listed below. If you wish, you may also deliver the statement in person, but it should still be placed in an envelope with the address on it. The College of Education will not accept faxes of your statement of purpose or goals statement.

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