

Instructions for the Essays:

- The essays below are an opportunity for you to introduce yourself to the faculty who will review your application.
- These statements should be written using a formal writing style and should not exceed FIVE (5) typed pages (TOTAL, for all prompts) and should be double-spaced, using a 12-pt. font and 1” margins. Your response to each statement will be evaluated on content, narrative flow, grammar, and vocabulary.
- Please do not use generative AI (ChatGPT, etc.) to generate your answers. While useful for brainstorming ideas and enhancing the presentation, it is essential that the core content, ideas, and phrasing is in your own words.
- While these statements are a required portion of the MIT-S Application, not all applicants may be able to respond to every prompt. If you cannot respond to a particular prompt, please explain why.
- Respond to all prompts below in ONE saved document and include your name at the top of page 1.
- Please include each prompt title listed below at the top of your response for the corresponding statement.
- Please upload in the Applicant Essay section below.

Statements:

- **Statement #1: Personal commitment to teaching.** Describe your personal commitment to children and the teaching profession. Include in your response details about your experiences with children and your personal qualities that demonstrate your ability to make a significant contribution to the teaching profession with an emphasis on social justice.
- **Statement #2: Experience with educational systems, social service agencies, and/or community agencies.** Describe one significant experience that you have had with individuals who are different than yourself; describe this difference and why you felt it to be important.
- **Statement #3: Communication and Leadership skills.** Describe experiences that have influenced or enhanced your communication skills, leadership skills, and initiative.

Instructions for the Volunteer and Professional Experiences:

- List any experiences relevant to teaching or learning. This could include working with children, youth, and/or adults. Please contact the Vancouver Coordinator at van.education@wsu.edu for the form and upload a complete version. If you would like to add more than three (3) experiences, please use the Word version and copy and paste the information. Please upload in the Other section below.