

Undergraduate Educator Preparation Program (EPP) Candidate Essay Review Rubric

Name of Candidate: _____

Date: _____

Evaluator: UTEP Administrator UTEP Faculty UTEP Program Advisor

Selection Criteria: Demonstrated (3) – Somewhat Demonstrated (2) – Not Demonstrated (1)

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Articulation of Purpose Applicant demonstrates highest level of interest and engagement in learning to become a teacher. Applicant demonstrates awareness of the high level of responsibility and demands of the profession.			
Disposition and Professionalism Applicant demonstrates highest level of professionalism in essay. Applicant demonstrates potential effectiveness in working with children/adolescents and communicates belief that all individuals have the right and capacity to learn. Applicant demonstrates openness to feedback, coaching, and ongoing learning to develop craft.			
Communication Essay is clearly-written, well-organized, and mechanically well-structured. Applicant communicates ideas effectively and addresses questions clearly with appropriate level of detail.			
Commitment to Profession Essay includes applicant experience with (or demonstrated interest in) working with children/adolescents in educational settings.			
Total Points: ___/12			

Applicants must show that they have met program admissions benchmarks by receiving a minimum of “2” in each category. Minimum passing score: 8.

Overall, I find this applicant essay to be:

Highly recommended Recommended Not recommended

Additional comments on the applicant’s strengths or any concerns you might have:

Educator Preparation Program Application Essay

Your response to the following questions should be typed and submitted along with your EPP application. We strongly recommend that you carefully edit your essay as it will be reviewed by the staff at the Center for Student Success. You may refer to the essay rubric to better understand how your essay will be evaluated.

Format:

12pt font, double-spaced

Heading:

Full Name

Student ID

Current Phone Number

UTEP Email

Major

Certification Area

Please answer the following questions:

Why do you want to become a teacher? What are some experiences that led you to want to become a teacher? (150-300 words)

What are some of your goals as a future teacher? What would you like to accomplish with your students? (150-300 words)

What are some of your own personal characteristics that will help you to become a successful classroom teacher? (150-300 words)