CLINICAL EXPERIENCE PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT

Your Professional Statement is your first professional communication with your placement school and clinical educator. Everything you write in it should capture why you want to be a teacher. It should be single-spaced, 12 pt., and Times New Roman font. Use only the space provided on the fillable PDF form. You will download the PDF form and email to the EFO at efo@udayton.edu. You will also share with your Clinical Educator when your instructor says it is time to do. Remember to save it for your records as well.

Contents/Prompts

 Briefly state your reasons for selecting the teaching profession as a career. What personal characteristics and skills do you possess that will enable you to become an exemplary teacher? In addition to responding to the above prompt, some of the following questions can also be used as a guide to frame your statement. Do not feel you must answer every question. Select those that you think will help you make a powerful statement about your selection of teaching as a career.

This is a personal statement that explains who you are as a professional.

What sets you apart as a future teacher? Your statement should be distinctive. No one else can write what you will write because you are unique. What is special, distinctive, or impressive about your teacher story? When did you become interested in teaching and what have you learned along the way that contributes to who you are and what kind of teacher you hope to be.

Be sure to focus on the professional you and consider the importance of your statements on the reader – your clinical educator.

General statements about content and structure

- Write a powerful opening paragraph.
- Emphasize what is most important for other teachers and principals to know about you and your goal of becoming a teacher
- Be specific, particularly about how you are unique
- Express yourself clearly and concisely
- Edit at least three times for paragraphing, spelling, grammar, sentence structure, powerful word usage, etc.
- See examples which have been provided for you on the EFO website