

M.A. in Applied Child & Adolescent Development

IECMH Personal Statement Prompts for Applicant Statement #1

Please note that our program is a graduate-level, writing-intensive program. Thus, we place high emphasis on this written statement in the admissions process. Your statement must be written in 12-point sized font, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins, and must not exceed three pages. Please be sure to write professionally, and to address the following points in your statement:

1. How did you become interested in early childhood development, education, mental health, or other applied field? From whom did you receive encouragement to continue your interest or work?
2. Please describe your academic background and the professional experiences that you believe prepare you to be successful in an online graduate program.
3. Please describe your learning style (e.g., the type of learning approach, environment and/or /structure that is likely to promote success).
4. Describe briefly any participation in applied psychology or work experience with children or caregivers that may be relevant to your application.
5. What are specific strengths and vulnerabilities that will contribute to your success in this field and in your future career?
6. What kinds of work do you see yourself doing five to 10 years after you have completed the degree?