

## **THE ADMISSIONS ESSAY:**

The purpose of the admissions essay is to prove that you are ready to progress to formal admission in the Teacher Education Program at Newberry College. The two documents that will help you frame your discussion are the Undergraduate Conceptual Framework and the Teacher Education Professional Dispositions Criteria established by teacher education faculty. This paper can be submitted at a Level II CACP paper.

- Begin and end your essay with opening and closing statements. The opening statement should introduce your topic with a declaration of purpose and concise description of content. In the closing statement, you should review the highlights of your essay and provide an appropriate conclusion.
- In the body of your essay, you should
  1. Describe three (3) learning experiences that have prepared you to work with children/youth. One experience should be from your core coursework, one experience from an education course, and one additional experience you have had working with children or youth. Specifically, tell the reader how each learning experience relates to one of the concepts in the Conceptual Framework.
  2. Analyze the role each of these experiences played in your development as a pre-service teacher; in other words explain how, why, or in what way these experiences were significant in your own learning.
  3. Reflect on how these experiences have changed you or your perception of teaching. This section may include reflection on how you will use these experiences to shape how you teach or interact with children.

### **Additional requirement:**

The essay should be no longer than 4 pages, word-processed, double-spaced in 12-point font and saved as a Microsoft Word document.