

## **M.S. Ed. Literacy Degree Program**

### **Directions and Scoring Rubric for the Personal Statement**

Directions: Prepare a carefully crafted statement demonstrating a commitment to and interest in literacy education, as well as an ability to write clearly and well by responding to the following:

- 1) What does it mean to be literate in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?
- 2) Calkins (1994) noted that to be a teacher of reading and writing, one must be a reader and writer oneself. Describe your views about this statement and indicate something about yourself as a reader and writer.
- 3) In what way will the literacy specialist degree support your long-term professional goal?

Format Directions:

Essay should be: typed, double-spaced, 10 – 12 pt font size, preferable font Times New Roman or similar font, two or more pages, at least one inch margins, all three questions/statements must be clearly addressed.

Failure to observe format directions will be automatically disqualify the essay.

The statement will be evaluated in the following areas:

- 1) Clarity of ideas
- 2) Depth of content
- 3) Organization
- 4) Writing conventions