Personal Statement of Interest

Please write and attach a personal statement [typed, double-spaced and maximum of two (2) pages] discussing the reasons for wanting to obtain a Pupil Personnel Services Credential in School Social Work.

Your statement should reflect the personal and professional qualities you possess for carrying out the responsibilities of a school social worker. This statement should include the following information:

• Previous experience and personal qualities that reflect potential for successful practice in the field of school social work. “Successful practice” includes demonstrating a genuine sensitivity, commitment and propensity to work with children, youth, and their families within educational settings.

• A demonstrated awareness of and ability to practice within contexts involving social, cultural and ethnic diversity, oppression and socioeconomic imbalance in our society.

• A demonstrated ability to practice independently and responsibly in autonomous environments.

• Any other information that you feel may be helpful in assessing your qualifications for professional school social work.