

The Reflection Essay on Professional Dispositions

Explanation

I believe you have reviewed and discussed a two-page “**SUNY Cortland Childhood/Early Childhood Education Department Assessment of Candidates’ Professional Dispositions**” document in class during Block I and with instructors in Block II. In this course, you are going to write a short essay of 2 to 3 pages (12 font size, single-spaced, with margins set at 1 inch at all sides) to reflect upon your understanding of the professional dispositions required of all teacher candidates in the Department of Childhood and Early Childhood Education. You will describe your performance while you take courses on campus and during your field placement/experiences. Your reflection essay should follow APA Style and be free of grammatical and spelling errors. Please go to ASAP on campus to seek editorial assistance if it is necessary.

Instruction

If you need to refresh your memory about the professional dispositions required for all candidates in our department, please read the attached two-page Professional Dispositions before you draft your essay.

The following questions will help you reflect and describe how you perform during practicum and while you take courses on campus.

- 1) What are some of the areas, if any, that you believe you have demonstrated excellent professional dispositions? Please use specific examples in three major areas of your choice as evidence to support your statements.
- 2) What are some of the areas, if any, that you believe you have demonstrated satisfactory professional dispositions? Please use specific examples in three major areas of your choice as evidence to support your statements.
- 3) What are the some of the areas, if any, that you believe you have not demonstrated satisfactory professional dispositions? Please use specific examples in three major areas of your choice as evidence to support your statements. Please describe how you are going to improve your performances in these areas during student teaching.

Evaluation and Grading Rubric

Requirements	Highest Points Possible	Your Points
Responding to the first question, your reflection essay describes three major areas in which you have demonstrated <u>excellent professional dispositions</u> during <u>practicum</u> and while you take <u>courses on campus</u> . (If you have more than 3 areas, please focus on three most important areas.)	3 points	
To support your statements about your excellent professional dispositions during practicum and while you take courses on campus, your essay cites three specific examples, each representing your excellent disposition in one area.	3 points	
Responding to the second question, your reflection essay describes three major areas in which you have demonstrated <u>satisfactory professional dispositions</u> during <u>practicum</u> and while you take <u>courses on campus</u> . (If you have more than 3 areas, please focus on three most important areas.)	3 point	
To support your statements about your satisfactory professional dispositions during practicum and while you take courses on campus, your essay cites three specific examples, each representing your disposition in one area.	3 points	
Responding to the third question, your reflection essay describes three major areas in which you have not demonstrated <u>satisfactory professional dispositions</u> during <u>practicum</u> and while you take <u>courses on campus</u> .	3 points	
To support your statements about your critical comments on the areas that you have not demonstrated satisfactory professional dispositions during practicum and while you take courses on campus, your essay cites three specific examples, each representing your disposition in one area. (If you have more than 3 areas, please focus on three most important areas.)	3 points	
Your essay identifies at least three specific ways to improve your performances and dispositions in these areas during student teaching.	3 points	
Writing is a basic skill of all students and teachers. Your essay should follow APA style (1 point). The essay should be edited as a final copy and free from grammatical and spelling mistakes. Proofreading is highly appreciated and rewarded. Your reflection essay (font 12, double-spaced, margins with 1 inch on all sides) should be submitted through ASSIGNMENT on eLearning/WebCt (1 point). If you need help to submit assignments on eLearning/WebCt, please feel free to ask the instructor. Your essay should not have more than 3 grammatical and spelling errors. An essay having more than 4 grammatical and spelling errors will lose 2 points.	4 points	