

University of Louisville

College of Education and Human Development

Master of Education in Literacy with Literacy Specialist P-12 Endorsement

PERSONAL STATEMENT  
COVER SHEET

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate the semester you plan to begin the program: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions for writing your personal statement:**

The personal statement is the applicant's opportunity to demonstrate his/her writing ability as well as provide a personal introduction to the admissions screening committee. The personal statement should be no more than 500 words and should be double-spaced and word-processed. Applicants are encouraged to proofread their writing and to submit the best work possible. Applicants should review the Ideas to Action Holistic Constructs Rubric: <http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/files/med-tl-i2a-holistic-construct-rubric.pdf> and the Ideas to Action Unit Dispositions Rubric: <http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/files/med-tl-unit-dispositions-rubric.pdf> Application materials, including the personal statement, will be evaluated by a faculty member committee using these two rubrics.

In developing the personal statement, applicants are encouraged to identify and describe personal characteristics, abilities, beliefs, and goals as well as diverse experiences with children and adolescents, which will contribute to their success as an outstanding educator. Also, explain why you are interested in the MEd in Literacy and how it will lend itself to your professional goals.