

Graduate Application for Admission

Essay Requirements



This application requirement is designed to provide The Campolo College of Graduate and Professionals Studies Admissions Office with a recent sample of your writing. Your completed essay will serve as a significant component of your application materials and will help determine your eligibility for admission to our program. The essay will become the property of Eastern University after its submission and may be used for internal research purposes; we can neither return nor comment on your submission.

Please choose your program and answer related essay questions. Please fax, mail, or e-mail your essay to the CCGPS Admission office (information on reverse side). Make sure that you identify which question you are answering. All essays must be 800 words or more.

NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS

1. Discuss how Eastern University's graduate program will relate to your professional goals.
2. Describe your leadership role or achievements in a significant professional or organizational accomplishment.
3. Discuss why you have chosen to apply to Eastern University's graduate program.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

1. Summarize how your personal characteristics, professional activities and/or personal life experiences have led you to believe you are well suited for the education profession.
2. Identify your personal and professional goals and discuss why you have chosen to apply to Eastern University's Education programs to fulfill those goals. Please include a discussion of your academic record and how it accurately reflects/does not reflect your intellectual and professional abilities.

LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

MA in Organizational Leadership

1. Describe how your Christian faith has shaped your view of leadership. Please cite biblical references and other significant readings or personal experiences that have shaped your thinking in this area.
2. Explain why and how you expect this leadership program to contribute to your development as a Christian leader. What do you lack that you would like to receive from such a graduate program? Include a discussion of your gifts and ministry goals as well as explanations of how you expect to be strengthened to meet the needs of your organization and the poor.

MA in International Development and MBA in Economic Development

1. Explain your understanding of what economic development is and why you are interested in the field. What personal characteristics, gifts and experiences make you an ideal candidate for a graduate program in economic development? What do you lack that you would like to receive from such a graduate program?
2. Share with us the evolution of your interest in the least advantaged in the developing world. How has your Christian faith shaped your worldview and influenced your objectives for a future in serving the least advantaged? Please include significant readings, as well as biblical references, that have influenced your thinking over the years.

MS in Nonprofit Management

Please answer the Non-Traditional Programs essay questions above.

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URBAN STUDIES PROGRAMS

MA in Urban Studies, Community Arts

1. Describe your career goals and how the Community in Arts program will help you to fulfill them.
2. Briefly define poverty and explain how you believe the Community in Arts program can be used to confront poverty.
3. People working in community arts are faced with many ethical dilemmas throughout their work. Below are two examples. Please pick ONE and explain how you would respond or react to the situation.
 - a. You are working in a homeless shelter developing a mural with 80 children and youth. During the ten-week artistic experience how would you use the arts to teach artistic skill, academic improvement, social skills and spiritual development?
 - b. During the teaching of an after-school arts program you discover that a teenage young man has voluntarily left his home because of abuse, neglect and drug addiction of his single parent. He is now living with friends and sometimes on the street. How would you become involved (or not), in this situation?

MA in Urban Studies, Community Development

1. Describe your faith experience and spiritual development.
2. Describe your career goals and how the community development program will help you to fulfill them.
3. Briefly define poverty and explain how you believe the community development program can be used to confront poverty.
4. People working in economic development are faced with many ethical dilemmas throughout their work. Below are two examples. Please pick one and explain how you would respond or react to the situation.
 - a. You are building 25 new homes in an economically depressed town of the U.S. The law requires each builder to contract electricians and plumbers licensed by the state. However, your organization does not have the money to pay the going rate for a licensed plumber or electrician. The least expensive way to finish your job of 25 homes is to “tip” the contractors \$50 “under the table” and have the contractor sign the permit saying he did the necessary electric and/or plumbing work. Then you could complete the needed plumbing and electric work yourself for one quarter of the going wage. What would you do? Please explain.
 - b. You are working in a large city doing job placement for women. Your organization is currently undergoing a review by the city government for renewal of your operational permit. If this permit is renewed, your organization will be allowed to continue operating and fundraising for the next ten years. Without the permit your organization will be forced to close. The government official who needs to sign the permit says he will do so if you assign two women from the agency to clean his home one day a week free of charge. What would you do? Please explain.

MA in Urban Studies, Youth Development

1. Discuss how Eastern University’s MA in Urban Studies (Youth Development Concentration) will relate to your professional goals.
2. Describe your leadership role in a significant professional or organizational accomplishment.
3. Answer one of the following questions.
 - a. During the teaching of an after-school program you discover that a teenage young man has voluntarily left his home because of abuse, neglect and drug addiction of his single parent. He is now living with friends and sometimes on the street. How would you become involved or not, in this situation?
 - b. Describe a youth who has had significant influence on you, and describe that influence.