Graduate Program Applicant Writing Sample Essays

Instructions: Please respond to the following three short essay items. Responses should be typed, double-spaced, using 12 point Times New Roman or Courier font. Please limit responses to three double-spaced pages per question. Be sure to include your name and page numbers in the document header.

1. Describe your personal and professional journey leading to your application for graduate studies in the Department of Educational and Clinical Studies.

2. Describe your views of human nature including: Environmental versus biological or innate influences on human behavior; the process of change; and characteristics of healthy human development and functioning.

3. Respond to the following statement: "The society in which we presently live has redefined ethics in such a way that it is separate from morality. This separation of ethics from morality decreases the importance of morality and moral behavior in our lives and in society – much more than when ethics and morality were linked."