



Writing Sample requirements:

The Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) programs at California Coast University are rigorous academic programs focused on the field of education with specializations in the areas of educational administration, educational psychology, and organizational leadership. In our experience, successful students who complete the Ed.D. degree programs are working professionals in education-related professions who will benefit from developing and deepening their knowledge base related to the field of education.

For each of the programs, students complete a variety of course writing assignments, qualifying and comprehensive examinations, and a doctoral dissertation – with each requiring academic writing and research skills for successful completion.

Students must be able to develop responses to all assignments, exams, and the dissertation in an organized and well-constructed written form. In order to assess a student's potential for success in these areas, we require applicants to submit a writing sample as a part of the application process. This helps the University get to know each applicant and determine an applicant's ability to succeed in the program. For the writing sample, we ask each applicant to prepare an organized personal essay of 500 - 750 words, integrating the following points:

- **Introduce yourself.**
- **Tell us why you are interested in the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree and the specialization you have chosen.**
- **Explain how your professional experience is related to this degree and how it will support your successful completion of the Ed.D. degree program.**
- **Explain how earning the Ed.D. degree will benefit you.**
- **Explain the contributions you see yourself making to the field of education.**
- **Add anything else you want the Admissions Committee to know about you.**

When you have completed your writing sample, please return it to your Admissions Representative for inclusion in your admission packet. We look forward to hearing back from you and we hope California Coast University will be the right fit for you.