

**College and Graduate School of Education, Health and Human Services Writing Sample  
Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) Ph.D. Program**

Directions: Please complete Item #1 (professional statement) and then choose between Item #2 or Item #3. Your responses to these items will be used to assess your writing ability as well as your general knowledge of education and your understanding of your educational specialty. Your name, address and telephone number should appear on the cover sheet only; no identifying information should be included on the manuscript itself.

**Item #1) Professional Statement** – Provide a brief statement of your reasons for pursuing a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Kent State University (not to exceed 500 words). This statement should include: your personal motivations, research interests, professional goals, and any other pertinent information that demonstrates your readiness to enter the C&I Ph.D. Program.

**Choose from either Item #2 or Item #3**

**Item # 2) Sample of Previous Academic Writing** – Provide a recent sample (within the last three years) of your professional/academic writing during graduate study and/or any subsequent research work.

Examples include:

- a) Published article, synthesis of existing research, or any other version of edited scholarly writing.
- b) Written work that was completed as part of a previous course, formal project, action research assignment, and so on.

*In addition to this sample, please provide a reflective analysis articulating how the chosen writing illustrates your ability to engage in doctoral-level academic writing using the following prompt:*

*How does this writing demonstrate your ability to write at the doctoral level?  
(500 - 1,000 words)*

**Item #3) Reaction Paper** – Choose one of the attached articles and compose a 6-10 page reaction to the article. Respond to the article from the perspective of your envisioned doctoral study specialty and/or emphasis. Be sure to provide sufficient literature and/or experiential support for your main points. If you reference others' work, please follow the guidelines from the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 5<sup>th</sup> ed.

You have ten (10) working days to complete your professional statement and item #2 or #3 and return it postmarked by the tenth day or delivered to 150 Terrace Dr., Room 418 White Hall. Manuscripts delivered after the designated time will not be accepted. Please send these items to Kent State University, College and Graduate School of Education, Health and Human Services, 150 Terrace Dr. Room 418 White Hall, Kent OH 44242-0001.

If you have any questions, please contact: Debbie Roeder at (330) 672-0558 or via e-mail at [droeder@kent.edu](mailto:droeder@kent.edu).

C&I Faculty will rate the content and form of your paper holistically (and anonymously) with the results forwarded to the C&I program coordinator and, if necessary, the C&I admissions committee.