Please write a 400-450 word essay responding to the following question:

**Essay Question**
How have you prepared personally, professionally and spiritually to pursue your graduate degree within the School of Education?

Writing samples are evaluated using the ETS Criterion Service. Please submit your writing sample using the directions below.

- Start at the following webpage: http://criterion.ets.org.
- Click “Go to Criterion Student Website” (in blue at the bottom of the page).
- Click “Register (I am a new user).”
- For the Access ID, enter the term and year that you wish to begin your program (no spaces) - for example “Spring2010” or “Summer2010.”
- For the Password enter – “Education.”
- Click “Continue.”
- Create a User Name and Password.
- Click “Create Registration.” You will then be redirected to your home page.
- Click “School of Education Writing Sample.”
- Read the instructions for submitting your essay. Please keep in mind that you have one hour to complete your writing sample.
- Click “Continue” and begin typing your writing sample.

**Please Note:** The font used by ETS is different than that used by Microsoft Word. Some functions, such as the tab, are disabled. If a function is disabled just continue with your essay. Do not try to compensate for the disabled function or your essay will be marked with errors by ETS (i.e.: do not press the space bar five times for a tab; just don’t tab)

**Doctoral and Educational Specialist Applicants**
Doctoral applicants are required to submit a sample of their master’s-level work, a paper of at least five pages in length. Individuals who can no longer access their master’s-level work may submit a professional writing sample of the same length or may compose an academic paper on an educational topic.