



Doctor of Education Statement of Intent

The Statement of Intent is your academic, professional, and intellectual biography that demonstrates the experiences, perspectives, approaches and views you bring to the EdD program. This statement gives the Admissions Committee a sense of who you are as a potential doctoral student, your areas of interest and intended research. Anything you would like the Admissions Committee to know about you for adjudication purposes should be included in this document.

Consider discussing any of the following topics to give the Admissions Committee a sense of who you are:

- Your identity and how your identity influences your leadership and scholarship.
- Why you are applying to the EdD Program. Share your goals as a scholar practitioner and how this EdD is a good fit.
- Your leadership philosophy, including the attitudes, dispositions, and values that influence your leadership, with examples illustrating your professional development.

This writing should clarify the problem of practice in your professional context that you intend to research, situate its importance within existing research, and your professional view of its significance. The statement also serves as a writing sample, demonstrating how you use relevant scholarship (e.g. books, articles, chapters) to support your justification for your potential research topic.

When detailing your intended research of a problem of practice in your professional context, you need to:

- describe the research succinctly with enough contextual information for an admissions committee to understand, without identifying names of people or professional contexts. The outline of your research of the problem of practice in your professional context should be well articulated including an estimated timeline;
- identify relevant research literature to support your writing about this as an important area of research (with support of at least three references of scholarship);
- offer a professional assessment of the importance of this research and intended outcomes of any anticipated findings;
- outline your skills and expertise as a scholar-practitioner to undertake the research required in your professional context including how you have demonstrated responsible and ethical inquiries, and adherence to professional standards.

Before you write:

Review the [Okanagan School of Education EdD program](#) and identify ways your experiences align with course offerings, program information and current faculty research.

Format:

- Maximum two pages
- Double-spaced
- 12-point font
- Use APA 7th edition to reference and cite the sources you use
- Must include at least three referenced sources of scholarship (books, articles, chapters, etc.)