



**Doctorate of Education (Ed.D)**

**Statement of Philosophy, Professional Goals, and Topic of Research Interest**

**To be completed by applicant.**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Area of Concentration (check one):**

- Teaching & Learning in Higher Education**
- Leadership in Higher Education Administration**
- Leadership in PK-12 Schools and School Districts, with PA Superintendent Letter of Eligibility**
- Leadership in PK-12 Schools and School Districts, without PA Superintendent Letter of Eligibility**
- Leadership in Special Education, with PA Special Education Supervisor Certification**
- Leadership in Special Education, without PA Special Education Supervisor Certification**

**Please respond to each of the questions listed below in a well-organized, precise paragraph or two, totaling 300-500 words in length.**

- 1. Philosophy:** Explain your philosophy of education, noting its compatibility with Gwynedd Mercy University's social justice mission.
- 2. Professional Goals:** Describe your career goals, both short-term and long-term. Be sure to note how you see this doctoral program advancing your career goals.
- 3. The Topic of Research Interest:** Describe the topic or field of study that you wish to pursue your doctoral dissertation. Its understandings that what you describe at this time may be greatly different from the final product, but knowing your thoughts helps us ensure the program is right for you.

*After all credentials are received, you will be contacted for an interview with a graduate education faculty member. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact*

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