

## **Graduate Admissions Essay**

As part of your application to the Graduate Education Program at Gwynedd Mercy University, please submit a well-organized, graduate-level written response (approximately 500 words) that addresses the following prompt:

## Reflect on your motivation for pursuing a graduate degree in education.

In your response, be sure to include:

- What experiences (personal, academic, and/or professional) have influenced your decision to pursue this program?
- How do you envision this program helping you meet your short and long-term professional goals?
- In what ways do you plan to contribute to the learning community as a graduate student in an online environment, while balancing your current responsibilities?

Your essay will be evaluated for clarity, coherence, depth of reflection, and writing mechanics. Please write in a formal, academic tone and cite any outside references appropriately.