



EMMANUEL COLLEGE

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

ADMISSIONS ESSAY

Leadership/Critical Analysis Essay: 3-4 pages

minimum 3 pages

This essay should specifically address the following:

- With the understanding that leadership involves influencing others, please give your personal definition of leadership.
- Describe a professional situation in which you have used leadership to initiate change.
- Describe a difficult professional decision and how you critically analyzed your options and reached a decision.
- How can you use your prior experiences to make a special contribution to this graduate program and the learning of others?

GUIDELINES FOR THE ADMISSIONS ESSAY

As you complete your application for admission, please be aware that the essay is your opportunity to distinguish yourself from other applicants. This document bears considerable weight in the admissions process. The following areas will be considered by the admissions committee:

- Does the applicant demonstrate college-level written communication skills? Particular attention is paid to mechanics (grammar, punctuation and spelling), the logical organization of material, analysis of issues, support for positions, and clarity of thought.
- Does the applicant show an ability to think critically through a decision-making experience?
- Does the program to which the applicant is applying appear to meet the goals and expectations of the applicant?

We encourage you to share your personal and professional experiences and insights which have influenced and shaped you. Please be sure that your name and Social Security number appear on all pages of the essay.