



# EMMANUEL COLLEGE

## GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

### ADMISSIONS ESSAY

#### **Admissions Essay: 3-4 pages**

*Minimum 3 pages, 12-point, Times New Roman font, double-spaced, with one-inch margins*

Please be sure that your name and Social Security number appear on all pages of the essay.

This essay should specifically include the following:

- Identify your educational goals and expectations in seeking the graduate degree or certificate of your choice.
- Provide an example of how you will use your prior experiences to make a special contribution to this graduate program and the learning of others.
- Describe a challenging professional situation in which you critically analyzed your options, reached a decision, and used leadership to initiate change.
- Discuss your professional work experience, as well as any special certifications.

#### 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. The following areas will be considered by the admissions committee:

- Does the program to which the applicant is applying appear to meet the goals and expectations of the applicant?
- Does the applicant show an ability to think critically and display leadership in a decision-making experience?
- 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.