SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND SCREENING QUESTIONS

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1. Statement of Purpose: (750-100 words, double space please)

Teaching is not a “back-up” or “fallback” career. Making teaching in the public schools a career requires a commitment to serving students and a desire to actively participate in the field. Because of this imperative, the Education Department wishes to know WHY you want to enter the Teacher Education Program. Provide a personal statement of purpose discussing the following:

* **Why you are pursuing public school teacher certification?**
* **What area(s) of public school do you wish to teach in and why?**
* **What are your professional goals as an educator? Where do you see your future in public education?**
* **What do you believe your strengths as a student are, as well as other qualities that speak to your success in the SRSU Teacher Education Program?**

(Please type your response here.)

1. Screening Questions: Please answer each of these in 3-5 sentences, roughly one paragraph each. Include details that support your answers to the screening questions, and/or provide future goals for improvement.

**How do you work cooperatively with others?**

(Please type your response here.)

**How do you accept constructive criticism and resulting changes you make?**

(Please type your response here.)

**How do you exhibit appropriate appearance in professional settings?**

(Please type your response here.)

**How do you demonstrate a positive attitude?**

(Please type your response here.)

**How do you display initiative?**

(Please type your response here.)

**How do you demonstrate punctuality and dependability?**

(Please type your response here.)

**How do you demonstrate professional electronic communication skills (email, texting, etc?)**

(Please type your response here.)

**How do how you demonstrate the ethical boundaries and decision making required of student-teacher relationships?**

(Please type your response here.)

**How you demonstrate the ethical decision making of a professional educator?**

(Please type your response here.)

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