Special Education Program

Statement of Purpose

1. Student Statement on Professionalism & Ethics:
   The Special Education Program is committed to preparing educators who reflect a commitment to excellence in communication, ethical practice, and professional dispositions. Excellence in professionalism is characterized by the ability to maintain composure during difficult situations, responsibility in course work and field requirements, and maintaining appropriate boundaries between faculty, students and families. Ethical practice should reflect accordance to state and federal laws, accrediting bodies and the mission of the School of Education. Please write a short statement describing your commitment to professionalism and ethics.

2. Student Statement on Academic Excellence:
   The Special Education Program is committed to providing a program of study that is innovative and reflective of best practices. A leading educator is a lifelong learner inspiring a community of learners to pursue continuous improvement and growth. Their work reflects the themes and domains of the Leading Teacher Program. Personally, they uphold academic integrity policies and govern their academic work that demonstrates a personal code of ethics as an adult practitioner. Please write a short statement describing your commitment to academic excellence.

3. Student Statement on Collaboration & Diversity:
   The Special Education Program promotes the importance of collaborative partnerships in working with families, individuals with diverse learning needs and other professionals in educational systems. Collaborative partnership specialists act as a liaison between families of individuals with disabilities and community-based programs and services. They communicate effectively, problem.solve, and embrace their role as an advocate for individuals with exceptional learning needs. Additionally, they create learning experiences that demonstrate sensitivity; acknowledging students of all abilities and valuing human differences. Please write a short statement describing your commitment to collaboration and diversity in the program and in the field as a professional.