

# Statement of Intent

## Master of Teacher Education Guide

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As indicated in the Application for Graduate Admission, you are required to include a Statement of Intent, which is a critical part of your application. The graduate application provides general instructions for preparing this document (~1-2 pages). It will be used by the Teacher Education Department admissions committee to make decisions regarding admission to the program. Due to the writing intensive nature of the program, it will be used to assess your writing style and ability. The statement is also evaluated in order to understand your preparation for graduate level work and to determine the extent to which your skills, experience, needs and interests are a match for what this program and our faculty have to offer. Therefore, for our purposes in the Teacher Education department, in addition to the general instructions, please address the following items in your statement (not to exceed 2 pages):

1. Your area of interest and/or a question about education/teaching you want to pursue. Explain how you define it and what experiences and readings that have shaped/ contributed to your understanding of the issue.
2. Which faculty member(s) you would like to work with, and how your interest/questions connect to their work.
3. Reasons for pursuing graduate work at Brigham Young University, and specifically a master's in Teacher Education.
4. Any completed coursework that is related to the purposes of the Teacher Education master's degree.
5. Any prior experience/exposure to research, evaluation or measurement projects.
6. A time in your life where you have demonstrated resilience.