

## **Educational Leadership NTC (Higher Education) Comprehensive Exam Instructions**

Throughout your graduate program, you have explored and studied various aspects of higher education administration, including leadership theory, organization and administration, history, student development, law, and the community college. Your exposure to these areas of higher education is meant to influence your philosophy and actions as a leader in higher education.

In a thoughtfully developed narrative essay, describe how participation in this graduate program has impacted your thinking about higher education. Discuss the ways in which the ideals or values you held regarding higher education, both prior to your entry into the program and now near completion of the program, have changed.

Your essay must contain at least three (3) specific examples. Each example must be related to one of your major courses (leadership theory, organization and administration, history, student development, law, the community college) and you should clearly indicate which course your example is derived from. Additionally, each example must be supported by at least one valid, pertinent scholarly source (for example, a journal article, book, document/report from a governmental or professional organization). The source should be cited within the body of your text according to APA style and should be included in a properly formatted reference list at the end of your essay. A printed list of sources may be brought with you to the exam.

Your essay will be reviewed by three (3) faculty readers using the attached rubric. Two of the three readers must agree that you have satisfactorily met the requirements, as described above, in terms of content and written expression in order for you to successfully pass your comprehensive exam.