



FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Department of
Special Education
College of Education

PhD Application: Personal Statement

First Name:	Last Name:	Cell Phone:	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Email:	Seeking admission for: FALL/Year		

Personal Statement. The personal statement is an opportunity for applicants to articulate their academic background, professional experiences, and research interests, demonstrating their passion and commitment to the field. It serves as a platform to explain why they are pursuing advanced study, how their experiences have shaped their career goals, and what they hope to contribute to the field of special education.

Task. Compose a personal statement (no more than 300 words) explaining why you are interested in pursuing doctoral education in the Department of Special Education at Florida Atlantic. In your statement, describe your:

1. **Academic background, professional experiences, and passion for the field.** It should explain why you are pursuing a PhD, outline your specific research interests, and describe how they align with the program's strengths. Discuss your academic and career goals, including how the program will help you achieve them.
2. **Special Consideration (if applicable).** If your Master's GPA is less than 3.0, in your personal statement, please address why your applications should be considered in spite of not meeting this and/or any other admission criteria.

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