



## **PEBC Teacher Residency Statement of Purpose Instructions and Essay Prompts**

### **Overview:**

As a part of your application, we ask that you submit both a Statement of Purpose and an Essay. Please submit your Statement of Purpose and Essay as separate documents.

### **Formatting:**

Both the Statement of Purpose and Essay responses should have a header which includes your name and contact info. For formatting, we prefer Times New Roman, 12 pt. font, double spaced, with page numbers included.

### **Uploading:**

All documents should be uploaded as a .PDF files. For additional instructions on how to save a Microsoft Word file as a .PDF file, click [here](#).

**Do not write one long essay. Label your responses as “Statement of Purpose” and “Es s ay A or B.”**

### **Statement of Purpose (250-500 words):**

Prompts for Statement of Purpose (please address all questions):

- Why do you want to become a teacher?
- How will you use your previous experience to ensure high academic achievement for your students?
- Why are you interested in this particular program (i.e. a rigorous alternative licensure program) as a way to become an educator in an urban **or** rural environment?

### **Essay (300-750 words):**

Choose **ONE** of the following prompts to respond to in a brief essay:

- A.** Describe and reflect upon a significant experience you have had interacting with people who come from backgrounds different from your own (i.e., racially, ethnically, socio-economically, religiously, culturally, etc.). What did you learn from this experience? How will this experience help prepare you for effective teaching in an urban **or** rural school environment?
- B.** Describe and reflect upon a time in the past 15 years during which you faced serious obstacles to success in a professional, academic, or community-related endeavor. What specifically did you do to confront these obstacles? Were you ultimately successful? How will this experience help prepare you for effective teaching in an urban **or** rural school environment?