

Guidance to Write a Philosophy of Education

The Philosophy of Education addresses your philosophy of instruction and learning. This statement includes your goals for your learners and approaches to optimize teaching, learning, and assessment. You should provide:

1. A description of how you believe people best learn.
2. A discussion of how your philosophy of learning is put into practice. That is, how does your philosophy translate into actual instructional practice?
3. An explanation of assessment approaches (e.g. formative, summative, self-reflection, other) that you use and why.
4. A discussion of how you incorporate new teaching and learning technology and strategies.

The following questions might help you brainstorm ideas:

- How do people learn? (Based on your experience and observations)
- Why do you teach the way that you do?
- How do you demonstrate a commitment to learner diversity and inclusion?
- How do you assess the effectiveness of your teaching?
- Do you remediate learners when necessary? If so, how?