**EDUC 111**

**PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT (Due Dates: Aug. 31, Oct. 8)**

This assignment will be completed in two parts. The first part is a draft of your ideas about your personal philosophy of education. In full paragraphs, discuss your current beliefs regarding the following questions:

* What level/subject are you interested in teaching?
* What is the purpose of education?
* What essential skills, knowledge, values, and beliefs should teachers (at the level/subject you are interested in) help develop in students?
* How should these essential components be taught and learned?
* How should learning be measured?

Your draft should be about 2 pages, typed using a standard 12-point font, double spaced with 1” margins all around. Please provide a full 4-part heading on your paper and an original title (NOT Philosophy Statement).

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Your final paper will be a development of your initial ideas after several weeks of reading about, discussing others ideas about, and revising your own ideas about various philosophical perspectives. Chapter 6 in our textbook should be referenced in your paper, as should any other resources you research and read to develop your philosophy of education. We will discuss five

Philosophies in class (**essentialism**, **perennialism**, **progressivism**, **social reconstructionism**, and **existentialism**), and you should reference one or more of these in your paper.

**Your first paragraph should state the philosophy or philosophies with which you most**

**strongly identify**. Consecutive paragraphs should explain in detail the philosophies with which you identify and how they help you answer the questions listed above. Your assertions should be supported by **specific examples**, and reflect the philosophy or philosophies identified in your opening paragraph.

Your final paper should be two-three pages, typed using a standard 12-point font, double spaced with 1” margins all around. Please provide a full 4-part heading on your paper and an original title (NOT Philosophy Statement). Be sure to cite your sources using APA conventions of citation and documentation. ***Papers that do not properly cite sources will receive a zero, and you will be subject to the ICC disciplinary procedures outlined in the Student Handbook.***