M.Ed. Portfolio Reflection Rubric Category 1

Level 3 - Exemplary: The reflection paper is a unique presentation of the writer's personal and professional development. The paper responds to the prompt completely and thoughtfully. The reflection paper discusses how the writer's literacy philosophy and literacy teaching practice has evolved. Several core beliefs are clearly explained and supported with two or more artifacts; these artifacts are meaningfully integrated into the reflection. The writer clearly articulates his/her growth and development related to these core beliefs. The reflection paper is 3-4 pages in length (12-point font, double-spaced, 1-inch margins) and includes an introduction and conclusion. Writing is also creative, error-free, without ambiguity, has a clear purpose and reads smoothly. Research citations are included to support the writer's ideas and thinking where appropriate.

Level 2 - Proficient: The reflection paper presents the writer's personal and professional development. The writer accurately responds to the prompt. The reflection paper discusses how the writer's literacy philosophy and literacy teaching practice has evolved. A few core beliefs are clearly explained and supported with two or more artifacts or several core beliefs are discussed but not fully explained and supported by the artifacts. The writer describes his/her growth and development related to these core beliefs. The reflection paper is 3-4 pages in length (12-point font, double-spaced, 1-inch margins) and includes an introduction and conclusion. Writing is mostly error-free, without ambiguity and is organized in a logical manner. Research citations are included to support the writer's ideas and thinking where appropriate.

Level 1 – Needs Improvement: The reflection paper attempts to present the writer's personal and professional development. The paper responds to the prompt somewhat. The reflection paper discusses how the writer's literacy philosophy and literacy teaching practice has evolved. A few core beliefs are discussed but not fully explained and/or supported by the artifacts. The writer attempts to articulate his/her growth and development related to these core beliefs. The reflection paper is 3-4 pages in length (12-point font, double-spaced, 1-inch margins). Information is presented in a disorganized fashion causing the audience to have difficulty following the writer's ideas. There are several misspellings and/or grammatical errors that distract from the work. Minimal citations are included to support the writer's ideas and thinking.