

WRITING SAMPLE INSTRUCTIONS

The applicant should submit an essay (maximum 1500 words) that clearly communicates the following:

- An articulation of applicant career goals that would be served by completion of the EDS in Instructional Technology
- A description of applicant instructional technology skills* and availability of adequate Internet access and computing equipment
- A description of applicant instructional technology related accomplishments
- A persuasive argument outlining the strengths that the applicant would bring to the EDS program, peers, and professors.

**Program Definition: Instructional technology is the theory and practice of the design, development, utilization, management, and evaluation of the processes and resources for learning.*

The essay will be evaluated using the following rubric.

Essay includes a combination of the following:	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Inadequate
Attention to essay content requirements					
Easily followed					
Effective transitions					
Professional format					
Clear and concise writing					
Appropriate grammar					
Sufficient and relevant information					
Persuasive argument for admission					

Return your statement to The Graduate School, Valdosta State University, 1500 N. Patterson Street, Valdosta, Georgia 31698.

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