

|| Essay Prompts for Graduate Special Education Programs ||

Please upload a one- to two-page, single-spaced essay addressing one of the following topics (please include the prompt that you choose at the top of your essay):

- a) Why should a society provide a "free and appropriate" education to students with disabilities who will not be able to achieve academic or other skills at the same level as students without disabilities?
- b) What are the most important skills or characteristics a teacher should possess, and why do you believe these are the most important?
- c) Describe your position on inclusion of students with disabilities in general education. What are the benefits of inclusion and the potential barriers?
- d) It is a commonly held belief that gifted students do not need special services because they can "make it on their own." Why is it important for schools to provide programming for gifted and creative students?

If you have questions about these prompts, or about applying for a Special Education graduate program at WCU, please contact Bridget Lopez at blopez@wcu.edu.