

**Western Connecticut State University
Master of Arts in Teaching Program Application**



MINI-PORTFOLIO

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Date

Personal Statement Regarding Your Professional Goals and Experiences

Please respond to the two questions below. Your responses should be typed in double-space format and each answer should not exceed 500 words.

1. Explain your personal and professional reasons for desiring to become a teacher. Be specific as to knowledge base, skills, and dispositions (attitudes) you hope to develop.
2. Describe a difficult or challenging situation that occurred in your personal life or in a career setting. Discuss the role you played in the resolution of that situation. Include a description of each of the following personal attributes or characteristics that you employed: problem-solving, conflict resolution, interpersonal relations, initiative-taking and attention to diverse needs of individuals.