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Checklist for Completing the Application Process:

- Complete an American Pathways University application and registration form.
- Include a current resume.
- Order all transcripts from undergraduate work and any other previous coursework and have them sent directly to APU.
- Provide documentation that you have been fingerprinted and subject to a background check. (Further instruction below)
- Complete the Participation Agreement, signed by Preceptor (principal or supervisor) and participating student, available at www.americanpathways.org or www.missioneducate.org
- Complete a short Professional Essay of 3-5 pages on the liberating arts and your educational philosophy and professional mission (see “Essay Description” instructions below)
- If you work at a StreetSchool Network™ school, provide a letter verifying employment at the school.

Application Instructions:

Go to www.americanpathways.org and complete the application and registration form. Complete forms online or mail to American Pathways University. Other documents can be mailed separately if they are not immediately available or must be ordered.

Professional Essay Description:

Write a short essay of 3-5 typed pages that includes the following:

- Expression of your philosophy of education, as it pertains to working with high-needs students in at-risk environments and elsewhere. (1) Explain the need for a cultural awareness and understanding. (2) How do student needs affect lesson planning and instruction? (3) What does advocacy and student support look like in the at-risk setting? (4) How does cultural awareness, student-centered instruction, and advocacy and student support relate to your philosophy of education?
- Evaluation of the liberating arts in meeting the learning needs of high-needs students in at-risk environments and elsewhere. (1) Explain how student-engagement with The Great Books and the Socratic Method is essential and beneficial for educating students. In your opinion, what should be the learning outcomes as a result? (2) How critical is the skill of critical thinking for your students? (3) Explain why the goal and value of the learning process should be the experience itself or the truth discovered or both. (4) How do the liberating arts facilitate immediate and long-term changes in thinking, doing, and being in students and prepare them for successful lives and responsible citizenship?
- Explanation of your professional mission as an educator by (1) stating your mission as an educator in 30 words or less and by (2) discussing its rational and relevance to the calling of an educator, your own teaching environment, and your professional and personal goals.

Attaining Fingerprints and a Background Check:

Because each participant in the Master of Arts in Education Program will be working directly with children, fingerprinting and a background check are required. For more information about attaining fingerprints and a background check in your state, access your state education website or law enforcement offices for instructions.