Guide to the Writing Sample for Applicants to the EdD Program

How long is the Writing Sample?
The Writing Sample must be between 5-20 pages, double spaced. These limits are firm.

May I submit a work on which I was a contributing author?
You must be the sole author of any work you submit.

Does the Writing Sample need citations?
Yes, the writing sample must be cited, using APA format throughout the paper.

How recent does the sample need to be?
There is no time limit on the writing samples. You are welcome to use work you have submitted in other programs, as long as they adhere to all requirements.

Does the writing sample need to be a work that I have published?
No. The writing sample may be published or unpublished work, but you must be the sole author of any work you submit.

Does the writing sample need to be an essay?
Not necessarily, but it must be cited using APA format. The Writing Sample should be based on an argument, and demonstrate your ability to present and defend a position, using evidence.

Does the writing sample need to be specifically related to Educational Leadership?
The Admissions Committee typically prefers that writing samples be related to Educational Leadership. However, this is not necessarily required. If you are feeling unsure of the suitability of your Writing Sample, please use this as an opportunity to produce original work that is related to the field of Educational Leadership.

If I am applying to the PhD in Education Studies, do these same guidelines apply?
No, the PhD in Education Studies and the EdD programs are unique. If you have questions about the PhD program, please contact Alyson Watson, Graduate Affairs Assistant for the PhD program. Alyson’s email address is AWatso62@uwo.ca
I still have questions. Who do I contact?

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