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## **Form D**

### **Statement of Purpose for Graduate Study**

**APPLICANT'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

As an applicant to Colorado Mesa University Master's Program in Education, you are required to include a typed written statement that describes your interest in the program, your educational strengths, and the professional goals you hope to achieve through work in the program. Specifically address the area of study that you are interested in pursuing in relation to the following indicators.

This essay should be no more than 3 typed, double-spaced pages. Please use this form as a cover sheet and **attach** your statement to it for application. Faculty will evaluate the statement according to the following criteria:

- **Writing skills** demonstrated in your essay
- Summary of candidate's long-term professional and educational **goals**
- The candidate's **professional knowledge** has a theoretical base, as evidenced by appropriate citations from sources relevant to the field of study.
- **Reasons** for pursuing this graduate degree
- The **relationship** between your professional goals and your graduate study
- The degree to which your **background experiences** have prepared you for the program
- The degree to which your **personal beliefs** will support excellence and motivation in the program
- Your **commitment** to advanced study and educational success
- Your **mission** for education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

\*This writing sample serves as an indicator of your ability to communicate professionally. It will be scored by a minimum of two readers from the graduate faculty and should be error free. This is your opportunity to persuade the readers that you have potential to become an effective school leader.