Guide for Writing Letters of Intent

LSU-Shreveport SSP Program

A letter of intent is an essay, usually 1 to 3 pages, that provides a narrative to accompany all other elements of the applicant’s application, such as GRE scores, GPA, and vita. This narrative is an opportunity to expand on your current professional interests and your primary motivation for entering the field of school psychology (rather than counseling or clinical psychology) and, more specifically, the LSU-Shreveport program. You may also include those personal or professional qualities that might distinguish you from other applicants.

Due to the restricted number of students who can be admitted, it is very important that the program make certain that all candidates have the best opportunity for success. The program requires the equivalent of three years of study, so it is critical that there is a “good match” between the candidate and the program faculty, and that candidates entering the program have the qualities and professional dispositions necessary to complete their degree plan.

It is always a good idea to allow your letter of intent to be reviewed by an advisor and/or peer for feedback, before actually submitting it as a part of your application.