

School of Education
Master of Science in School Counseling
PREPARING YOUR INTERVIEW PORTFOLIO
2007 - 2008

As a candidate for admissions to the Masters of Science in School Counseling at NYIT, you will need to review the following items that will help us to get to know you better and will also help you prepare for your interview. These items include:

I. Candidate Statement of Understanding

Read the statement carefully and sign it.

II. Individualized School Experience Contract

Please review and complete the form that describes experiences that you may have had in a public or private school as a professional or volunteer.

III. Goal Statement

In 500 words or less, address the following:

- a) Why you are seeking admission to the NYIT Master of Science in school counseling
- b) Why leadership skills are essential to school counseling success

PLEASE type your response.

IV. Reference Forms

Submit three reference *forms* (for example, from an employer, a professor or a personal character reference) which attest to your leadership and advocacy skills. These are available on the website.

V. Interview Preparation for Your Presentation

1. Go to the web site for the Education Trust. The Education Trust collects, analyzes and uses data to make the case that all students will learn to high levels when they are taught at high levels. www2.edtrust.org/edtrust
2. Look at the website headings. Click on Data Tools and Presentations. Go to the right side of the web page. Click on *Ed Watch State Reports*.

3. Click on the link to *Education Watch 2006, USA/Nation Summary*.
<http://www.2.edtrust.org/edtrust/summaries2006/states.html>

4. Open the slide show. Please note that you will need to access this information from a computer equipped with Microsoft Power Point or use the free Ed Trust viewer.

5. You do not have to print the slides – just take notes on your thoughts about student achievement and about what the data tells us and also how the school counselor can contribute to closing the achievement gap.

6. We will discuss these points as a group. You are expected to prepare and present your thoughts. At the conclusion of the interview, you will also write a brief statement about *School Counselors and Student Achievement*.

VI. Bring all of these components to your interview.

VII. Don't Forget - NYIT Graduate Admissions

Please make sure that you have submitted a completed application, all official undergraduate and previous graduate transcripts and any other documentation required by NYIT to Graduate Admissions such as the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) clearance. You must bring all portfolios components to your interview on Aug. 26 to expedite the admissions process.