

MSEd Counseling Applicant Essay

Provide a response to the following prompts (approximately 2 to 3 pages per writing prompt), including your thoughts, experiences, and emotional reactions in a narrative essay format.

Writing Guidelines

- Include your name and page numbers at the top of each page
- Include the essay prompt at the beginning of the page before starting each response
- Text should be double-spaced, with 1 inch margins, Times New Roman font
- Please save and submit your responses to all essays as one PDF file
- Title the document with your name and “MSEd 2018 app essays”

Essay Prompts

1. Why do you want to become a Licensed Professional Counselor?
2. How have your personal experiences, interests, and abilities lead you to apply for a graduate program in counseling?
3. Discuss any volunteer work or community engagement experiences you have had.
4. Please share your career goals.
5. The current definition of counseling developed and endorsed by the *American Counseling Association*: “Counseling is a professional relationship that empowers diverse individuals, families, and groups to accomplish mental health, wellness, education, and career goals.”

How do you see your professional goals aligning with this definition of counseling? What personal attributes do you already possess that will help you become an ideal counselor? What are your areas of potential growth?

6. Bias can be defined as prejudice in favor of or against a specific thing, person, or group compared with another, usually in a way considered to be unfair. What do you see as your potential biases, and how will you deal with those when/if they surface?