

Master of Science in Higher Education Counseling & Student Affairs

Personal Interest Essay Guidelines

Please respond to the following questions in no more than five double-spaced pages.

- *How would you define counseling in a higher education and/or student affairs setting?*
- *What meaningful personal life experiences have you had that would enhance your ability to serve others in the capacity of a higher ed/student affairs professional?*
- *What personal, educational, and/or professional experiences have you had that have led you to enter the profession?*
- *Our program is committed to social justice, equity, and inclusion. Please provide an example from your personal and/or professional life where you might have demonstrated commitment to the same.*
- *Elaborate on your specific career goals in the field of higher education counseling/student affairs and briefly discuss how our program would help you reach these goals.*

Please upload your completed essay to your Cal State Apply application as a Word or PDF document by February 1st.