



***Master of Science in
Higher Education Counseling / Student Affairs
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo***

PERSONAL INTEREST ESSAY GUIDELINES

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

- *How do you define counseling?*
- *What thoughts went into your decision to select working in higher education counseling and/or student affairs as a career goal?*
- *What meaningful personal life experiences have you had that would enhance your ability to counsel others?*
- *Comment on any educational and/or work experiences you have had that have led you to want to enter the profession.*
- *Elaborate on your specific career goals in the field of higher education counseling and 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.