

## **ADMISSIONS ESSAY**

### **Master of Science in Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy Concentration**

The Master of Science in Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy Concentration, essay is a required component of the application. The essay **must** include all of the specified elements, formatted according to the specifications listed, and be submitted within the application period.

**Required Elements:**

- How your background, relationships, and experiences contribute to your interest in becoming a counselor
- Your personal and professional goals
- Describe your experiences with people with diverse and intersecting identities (e.g., age, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, religion, gender, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities, etc.). Include how these experiences have shaped your self-awareness and perspectives about others
- Challenges you anticipate in your education and training as a counselor
- Provide explanation and clarity in your personal essay if your GPA was less than 3.0.

**Format:**

- A minimum of three pages and not to exceed five pages
- Double-spaced on 8-1/2 x 11 (letter size) paper with one -inch margins using a standard 12-pt. font (e.g. Times New Roman, Arial, Calibri)
- Applicant's first and last name, KPSAHS Program Name/Program Start Date, date of submission, in the upper left-hand corner (ex., Jane Smith, MSCounseling/Fall 2021, Jan 1, 2021)
- Any content in your essay that is directly quoted from another source should be appropriately cited using APA style. (This page is not included in the 3-5 page count.)

**Submission:**

- Upload the completed essay as a PDF through the online application portal in the space designated

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