



VILLANOVA
UNIVERSITY

College of Liberal Arts
and Sciences

Graduate Counseling Programs

Application Essay Questions

AREAS OF ASSESSMENT: Entry-level admission decision recommendations are made by the academic unit's selection committee and include consideration of each applicant's (1) relevance of career goals, (2) aptitude for graduate-level study, (3) potential success in forming effective counseling relationships, and (4) respect for cultural differences. Each of the three essays should be between 150-250 words.

Essay 1: Relevance of Career Goals (150-250 words)

Briefly explain your motivation for choosing the profession of counseling, including your hopes for your population of practice.

Essay 2: Aptitude for graduate-level study & forming effective counseling relationships (150-250 words)

Counseling requires that we (as the counselor) are open to receiving feedback and make the necessary changes to enact positive change or growth. Give a brief example of a time that you received constructive feedback from a supervisor or teacher/professor (or an example of a mistake that you made at work) and discuss how you responded to it.

Essay 3: Respect for Cultural Differences (150-250 words)

Briefly explain two meaningful (e.g., significant/in-depth) experiences of engaging with others across social identity differences through personal, work, education, volunteer or professional actions. State briefly the most important point learned in each exchange. Please do not list more than two experiences. Differences can include: culture, language, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, ability, religion, nationality, socioeconomic status.