

Essay Portion of Application for the
Master's Degree in Clinical Counseling
Bellevue University

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in pursuing a master's degree in clinical counseling. As part of the admissions process, the selection committee reviews several aspects of an application to determine an applicant's strength, challenges, and potential success in the program. All applicants are asked to complete an essay candidly addressing the following questions:

1. Why are you interested in pursuing a master's degree in clinical counseling at Bellevue University? What are your personal, professional, and career goals, and how does pursuing a degree in clinical counseling assist you in achieving these goals?
2. Provide a brief description and understanding of what the field of professional counseling is and is not?
3. How do you envision yourself, roles, and responsibilities as a future member of the counseling profession?
4. How would you describe your interpersonal communication skills with regards to working with individuals and groups?
5. Please describe your personal and professional experiences in working with culturally diverse and vulnerable populations.
6. Please provide rationale for how you are prepared to manage the rigors of graduate study, especially with regards to a clinically focused program.
7. Please discuss what you identify as strengths and challenges you possess in terms of pursuing a master's degree in clinical counseling. In terms of challenges, what measures and resources have you identified to assist you in being successful?
8. Please provide any additional information you believe would be important for the selection committee to know in considering your application to the program.

Please know there are no "right-or-wrong" answers. Your responses will provide the admissions committee a better understanding of the unique person you are, and your potential success in the program.

Please be sure to include your name, social security number and date of birth.
Please be sure to sign and date your essay.

Please send all items to:

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