



## Instructions

The graduate programs in Counseling and School Psychology at Roberts Wesleyan College are preparing practitioners and recognize their obligation to clients, colleagues, society and the profession to select appropriate candidates for graduate study. To help in this process, the Admissions Committee requires an autobiographical statement for use in evaluating both your potential and readiness for graduate study and your writing skills. This confidential statement also enables you to communicate with the committee. The statement (to be written by you) should contain between 1000-1500 words, and be type written and double-spaced. The autobiographical statement should be organized in four sections as follows:

### 1. Career Plans and Objectives

- Discuss how you became interested in counseling or in school psychology. (Be specific with respect to the particular master's program of interest - School Counseling, School Psychology, and Counseling in Ministry.)
- How have friends, family members, etc. influenced your decision to pursue a career in School Counseling, School Psychology, or Counseling in Ministry?
- What are your goals for graduate study and for your career?
- What are your specific career objectives?

### 2. Experience and Relationships

- What experiences have you had in a helping role?
- How do you evaluate your capacity to relate to clients, supervisors, and colleagues?
- How do you handle working with people whose opinions, lifestyles, and/or ethnicity differ from your own?

Note: You may use specific experiences to illustrate your answers where you wish.

### 3. Personal Strengths and Weaknesses

- Assess your personal and professional strengths.
- In what areas do you see a need for growth and change?
- Reflecting on the program's mission and Christian context, discuss how graduate study at Roberts Wesleyan College would assist you in this process of growth and change.
- Describe your spiritual journey thus far.

### 4. Academic Experience

- Address your undergraduate and graduate experiences to date.
- Comment on previous college grades as an index of your abilities.
- How do you feel you will handle graduate work?

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