
Name

Date

Application Supplement

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH GRADUATE SCHOOL
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING PROGRAM**

Applicants for degree programs in the Department of Professional Counseling should use this form. Your cooperation in responding to the following questions and statements will enable a more comprehensive evaluation of your qualifications for graduate study.

It is very important that your responses provide relevant and complete information. Failure to do so may result in your application being denied.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS FOR THE M.S.E. PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING DEGREE:

1. Check the area below that represents your primary career interest:

- Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- School Counseling
- Student Affairs and College Counseling

2. Have you visited the department website?

- Yes
- No

If yes, how helpful did you find it? _____

3. Have you talked with or been referred by individuals outside the program?

- Yes
- No

If yes, who? _____

4. Have you discussed the program with any UWO Professional Counseling staff members?

- Yes
- No

If yes, who? _____

5. Have you applied to the MSE Professional Counseling program in the past?

- Yes
- No

WRITING SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

Please respond to the following questions thoroughly and thoughtfully. Applicants' ability to demonstrate graduate - level writing style, mechanics, and organization, including APA style and formatting, is a factor in the application review process.

- A. Share your intentions for choosing to pursue a graduate degree in professional counseling. What attracts you to the professional counseling field and training to become a counselor?
- B. Specifically, what encouraged your decision to apply to the Department of Professional Counseling at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh?
- C. Describe any paid or volunteer work experiences that you feel are relevant to your decision to pursue a professional counseling degree. How do you believe these experiences may relate to you becoming a counseling professional?
- D. Share your beliefs about counseling including what it is, your understanding of the counseling process, and ways in which counselors are involved in the counseling process.
- E. Ongoing personal growth and reflection are key components of the UW Oshkosh Professional Counseling Program and experience. Describe a personal disposition or characteristic that would require your ongoing attention as you consider your responsibilities and role as a graduate student and future counseling professional.
- F. What do you believe is most essential in the process of connecting and building relationships with other people? Which of these traits or qualities do you possess?
- G. What beliefs/values do you hold about privilege and oppression? In what ways will your beliefs/values support your movement toward professional advocacy and social justice as you learn approaches for counseling and working effectively with diverse populations (e.g. race, ethnicity, age, religion, class, ability, sexual orientation, gender, nationality, etc.)?
- H. Summarize your goals and what you believe you would bring to your role as a graduate student in the Professional Counseling program at UW Oshkosh.