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## NARRATIVE STATEMENT

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It is important for us to understand as fully as possible your interests in **professional counseling** and your potential to work with members representing **diverse populations**. Therefore, one of the admission requirements is a *Narrative Statement*, which addresses the aforementioned topics. The narrative statement is expected to reflect the applicant's creativity, critical thinking, and potential for professional competence. Please provide a one page response to each of the following questions:

- 1) Counseling is a helping profession. Describe how you believe your relationships and experiences have developed your professional counseling interests and suitability.
  
- 2) Take time to review the missions, goals and core values of the program (see below). Describe how you will promote culturally competent practice.

### Counseling Program Mission

The mission of the University of Texas at San Antonio's Counseling Program is to prepare multiculturally competent professional counselors and counselor educators for south Texas and beyond who demonstrate the necessary counseling knowledge, skills, identity and scholarship, and for those seeking advanced studies, supervision and teaching competencies to enrich the quality of all peoples' lives. The program emphasizes creativity and diversity, as well as developmental and relational processes.

### Program Goals

The program emphasizes and models creativity and diversity while fostering developmental and relational processes through its relationship with the community, other university programs, and its students. Further, we strive to prepare student knowledge and commitment to the ethics of the profession and demonstration of application with multicultural and diverse populations.

In accordance with the Program's stated mission and goal statements, our objectives include:

- Preparing multiculturally competent professional counselors and counselor educators
- Actively promoting students' professional counseling identity,
- Researching topics of importance related to professional counseling,
- Teaching and practicing to the highest standards and expectations,
- Serving the profession and providing outreach to the community.

I understand that officials at the UTSA Counseling Program will determine my status for admission eligibility will rely upon information submitted herein. I certify that the information in this application has been authored and completed by me and that it is correct. I understand that the submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, cancellation of enrollment or appropriate disciplinary action.

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Signature

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Date