



UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN COLORADO

Department of Human Services

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

REHABILITATION COUNSELING

Your statement of interest is an important factor in our consideration of your application. It enables our faculty to become better acquainted with you, your background, your writing ability, and your interests. The following guidelines reflect those factors that receive the most attention by the faculty in making decisions. While there is an 8-page limit on the length of your statement, we recommend that it be about five to seven double-spaced pages.

You should cover the following topics in your statement:

1. What factors and events motivated your interest in rehabilitation counseling? Discuss your attitude and philosophy toward rehabilitation counseling. Also, describe your attitude or philosophy toward research, community change and advocacy.
2. What are your career and educational goals? Why have you chosen rehabilitation counseling as your area of study? In what role and in what type of organizational setting would you ultimately like to be employed?
3. What past exposure have you had to rehabilitation counseling? Include any course work or work experience (paid or volunteer) you have had. If you have had none, provide a justification of your current interest in the field.
4. How would you describe your strengths and weaknesses? This should cover areas including academic ability, ability to form effective counseling relationships, ability to work with individuals from various cultural backgrounds, ability to participate in constructive supervision, and ability to cope and manage stress.

Submit your Statement of Interest directly to the Graduate School with the rest of your application materials.