

## COUNSELING PROGRAM

### MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

#### Guidelines for Written Statement

As part of your admissions packet, please write no more than four double-spaced pages to answer the following questions. Use the bolded phrases to serve as headings for each section.

1. **Rationale** – Please share your substantive reasons for seeking a graduate degree in counseling. Be specific and provide examples.
2. **Experiences** - What previous work, volunteer, or personal experiences directly and substantially influenced your decision to apply to this program? Provide at least two experiences with explanation.
3. **Academic aptitudes** - Name two personal characteristics that demonstrate your aptitude for graduate academic work. Explain how these attributes strengthen your academic potential.
4. **Counseling aptitudes** - Name two personal characteristics that demonstrate your aptitude for providing counseling services to others. Explain how each characteristic informs your approach to forming supportive relationships.
5. **Culturally relevant interpersonal skills** - Describe a situation in which you and another person differed regarding personal, cultural, or socio-political differences and how did you resolve the situation?
6. **Awareness** - Stress is a part of life that all people deal with, some better than others. Describe one stressor you handle well and how you are able to do that. Describe one stressor you do not handle well and what you have done to try and improve this.