

Essay Prompt for the M.Ed. in Professional Counseling Program:

Marianne Schneider Corey and Gerald Corey discuss the importance of examining personal motivations for becoming a counselor. The authors recognize that many individuals become helpers to satisfy some of their own personal needs. The need to make a difference or impact, to be in control, to be needed, to care for others, may be important factors in choosing a career in the helping professions. Identify and discuss your own personal needs as they relate to your decision to enter the helping professions. How will these needs enhance or detract from your ability to be an effective counselor?