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Gwynedd Mercy University

School of Graduate and Professional Studies

## Counseling Admissions Interview Guide

Congratulations! You have reached the final step in the admission's process for the Master of Counseling Program at Gwynedd Mercy University. Your excellent academic record, personal statement and recommendations have taken you to this point. You have done well! Now faculty get the opportunity to meet and learn about you! And you get the opportunity to meet and learn about us! This letter is to assist you in preparing for this final step – your personal interview.

You do not need to have anything with you for this interview. Instructions on how to access the meeting room for the interview were included in the email that this document accompanied.

The purpose of the interview is to see how well the program “fits” you. Accelerated online counseling programs don't work equally well for everyone and we want to make sure our program can work for you. We also strongly recommend that you interview us and make sure you feel you “fit” with this program and can get the most out of it in terms of your educational goals. The greater the “fit” the more you will learn, grow and develop as counselors.

This is a professional interview and it is important that you present and interact as a professional. There is not much you can do to prepare for this interview as the interview is really about you. We want to learn how you think, relate, communicate and interact. We want to see what kind of a person you are.

There are some things you should avoid in the interview.

- You do not want to be quiet or not interact with the other members of the group. Both of these are deadly.
- You do not... do not... want to give the answer you think we are looking for. We cannot stress this enough.

Be yourself. Be truthful. Be honest. Be who you are! Besides the questions in the interview are not structured for a clear right or wrong answer.

For those of you who are interested in knowing there is only one question in the interview on counseling knowledge. We assume you will learn counseling in the program.

We are very excited about having this opportunity to meet you. Should you have any questions prior to your interview please contact your admission counselor.