

## **GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN COUNSELING STATEMENT OF BACKGROUND AND GOALS**

The Statement of Background and Goals is designed to help the Admissions Committee assess your goals and professional interests, and determine how they fit with the aims and scope of our graduate program.

### **Format**

1. At the top of your statement, state your full name and the telephone number(s) and e-mail address at which you may be contacted.
2. Below your contact information please state the degree you are applying for:

*Master of Science in Marriage and Family Studies*  
*Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy*  
*Master of Science in Holistic Child Development*  
*Master of Science in School Counseling*

3. Your statement should be four to six pages in length.

### **General Guidelines**

Please address the following in your statement:

1. Why do you wish to pursue graduate study at Lee University?
2. What issues, concerns or experiences have influenced you to pursue this career?
3. What is your understanding of the relationship between Christian faith and this discipline?
4. What strengths/qualities do you have that would indicate you are a good candidate for the graduate program?
5. What do you intend to do with your degree once you complete it?

Please use your statement as an opportunity to make us aware of your special qualifications or talents that might not be clear from the other materials you submitted with your application. The more specific your statement, the more helpful it is in the review process. A well-written, concise, focused statement will increase your chances of admission.