

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS ESSAY

Statement of Purpose

Following nearly ten years of employment as an aircraft mechanic, I took a hard look at where my life was going. Although I was responsible for important work requiring intensive technical knowledge and mechanical skills in manufacturing and

maintaining aircraft, I felt compelled to include myself in a larger arena. Each airplane

is unique, and I wanted to learn more about the people who use them. I began to explore my interests in psychology and philosophy, and I found that I was drawn to the study of human behavior.

I decided to pursue a degree in psychology, and I applied to several universities. I ultimately chose California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB) because it offered a strong program in psychology and a supportive community.

I am currently in my second year at CSUSB, and I have already taken several courses in psychology, including Introduction to Psychology, Research Methods in Psychology, and Statistics for Psychology. I have also completed some coursework in philosophy, including Logic and Ethics.

I am particularly interested in the field of developmental psychology, and I hope to one day work in a research lab or clinical setting. I am also interested in the intersection of psychology and philosophy, and I plan to continue exploring this area of study.

I am grateful for the opportunity to pursue my passion for psychology and philosophy at CSUSB. I am excited to continue learning and growing in this field, and I am looking forward to what the future holds.

Despite my lack of formal education, I earned my high school diploma. I could have forgone this step of earning a diploma but I was compelled to alter how I approached my past and in doing so, how I would meet my future. I decided to take the GED exam and earn my high school diploma. I did this because I wanted to have a better understanding of myself and the world around me. I also wanted to have a better chance at finding a job and advancing my career. I took the GED exam and passed with flying colors. I then applied to several colleges and universities and was accepted into California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB). I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from CSUSB in 2018. I am currently working towards a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology at the University of Southern California (USC).

After graduation, I worked as a research assistant at the University of Southern California (USC) for two years. I assisted in conducting research studies on various topics related to psychology, including cognitive development, memory, and perception. I also helped to collect and analyze data, write reports, and present findings at conferences. This experience provided me with valuable skills and knowledge that I can apply to my current role as a clinical psychologist.

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