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*Community Counseling Program Applicants- Please complete and submit the supplement packet of short essay questions.*

**Please answer the three questions below:**

1) *In October of 2010, the American Counseling Association Governing Council approved a new definition of counseling. This new definition is, "Counseling is a professional relationship that empowers diverse individuals, families, and groups to accomplish mental health, wellness, education, and career goals."*

*In a statement of no more than 500 words, describe how this definition of counseling reflects your personal and professional values, beliefs, experiences, skills, and interests. Your response should demonstrate a clear understanding of the new definition of counseling and your commitment to this vision of professional counseling.*

2) *As indicated in the new definition of counseling, an important goal of professional counselors is to empower their clients. Oftentimes, this means helping clients to recognize or reclaim their own power. Using a minimum of 250 words, discuss how your personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you to empower clients.*

3) *The faculty and staff of the Department of Counseling and Human Services at The University of Scranton are committed to facilitating both the professional development and personal growth of students. To that end, we have developed a document that details a number of the attributes, characteristics, and behaviors that we believe are important for success for both counselors in training and practicing professional counselors. This document is titled "Fitness for the Profession of Counseling" and can be found at <http://matrix.scranton.edu/academics/pcps/counseling/programs/rehabilitation/WebsiteLinkFitnessforProfession.pdf>.*

*Please read the "Fitness for the Profession of Counseling" document; then, using no more than 500 words, please identify and discuss one attribute listed in the document that you believe is a strength for you and one attribute listed in the document that you believe is an area of growth for you.*