Essay
This writing sample is a vital component of your application. It will be used to evaluate your writing skills as well as your ability to conceptualize and articulate your understanding of human sexuality studies. This essay will also provide the admissions committee with a clear picture of who you are, why you have chosen to enter the field of sexology, and what motivates you to apply to Widener University’s Graduate Human Sexuality Studies programs.

Please use the following outline to compose your essay, which should be the equivalent of four to six double – spaced pages.

Personal and Professional Goals
Your professional goals should focus on your specific interests and career objectives. This essay gives you an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to write on a graduate level. This is also the platform to persuade the admissions committee that you would be a positive addition to our student body and eventually, our alumni as a sexuality educator, counselor, therapist, advocate, professor, and/or researcher. Please address:

1. Describe your career aspirations within the field of human sexuality.
2. Why did you choose to apply to Widener University Human Sexuality Studies graduate program?
3. Discuss your choice of Clinical or Education Track.

Autobiographical Statement
Because our graduates are engaged with other individuals’ important and sensitive areas of human life, our program is strongly committed to affective-level education. This essay provides you with an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to do personal reflection. You should provide the admissions committee with a clearer picture of who you are, why have chosen to enter Human Sexuality Studies, and what has motivated you to apply to the Center for Human Sexuality Studies. Please address:

1. Personal background – Describe significant life experiences that have led to the development of your personality, your values, and belief systems, and your decision to pursue a career in human sexuality.
2. Personal Statement – Describe why you think you would make a good human sexuality studies student, and an effective sexuality educator, counselor, therapist and/or researcher.

In writing your Autobiographical statement, please address the following:

1. Your readiness for rigorous graduate work.
2. Your ability to manage the heavy demands of graduate school along with your other personal and professional responsibilities.
3. Your strengths and weaknesses in relation to the professions of sexology.
4. Why you think Widener University’s Human Sexuality Studies graduate program is a good fit for you.