

## Personal Statement

One of the most important decisions to make in life is what becomes. When it comes to deciding what to study, I first completed a bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Spanish, during which I decided to pursue a bachelor's degree in Spanish as well. Another reason why I chose to study Spanish was because it is my mother tongue. In addition, I would like to become a teacher at a preschool or teach in adult school in order to help those people who are not literate in Spanish.

What I learned at California State University Monterey Bay is that this country is multicultural. I first learned about this in a class entitled Service Learning in the Latino Community, in which I engaged Latino community issues and learned about justice. In addition, I had the opportunity to do service learning at Papás of the Central Coast, which is an organization focused on helping the whole community but specifically the Latino Papás to build a better relationship with their children and learn how to become better parents for them. There are many fathers who don't know how to be close to their children due to how they were educated at home. For example, some of their parents never told them I love you or showed any affection to them, this program is helpful for them. I worked with the Latino community through this organization, using my Spanish and bilingual skills.

Also, I had the opportunity to complete an internship at the public library Cesar Chavez in Salinas California as part of my Spanish minor, during which I was a Spanish Tutor in the program "Leamos", focused teaching writing and reading in the Spanish language. As part of this experience, I worked in the citizenship class with Spanish speakers and used my bilingual skills as I functioned at times as an interpreter and translator.

My idea to become a teacher in Spanish to serve adult people was due to my service learning experience and my internship. Other career paths to pursue with my major in Spanish include to work in the immersion Spanish-English preschool or adult school programs or to use my bilingual skills as a translator. After my bachelor's degree, I would like to continue preparing myself with a master's degree and obtain my credential to become a teacher.