Your essay may include responses to the following questions:

* What is your career goal?
* What do you want to accomplish in this online MS program?
* How can this program help me achieve my career goal?
* What are your personal values and how do they help you make career goals?
* What did you learn about the C&I themes (final project) that can help you professionally?

You will bring these goals and values through the program. Be sure to revisit them frequently and evaluate your progress.

When I first started teaching, my goal was for the students to see that I cared about them and wanted to show them everything that I knew about math. My mom had an algebra teacher that made her feel stupid because she was struggling in the class, and I vowed to never have a student leave my class thinking that I would not help them. Now I have seen a shift in my career goals. Over the past year and a half, I have been mentoring a fellow teacher as well as my cousins who are fairly new to teaching. I have been giving them tips of programs that I like to use, showing them how I organize my classroom, teaching them some of the concepts in a different way than the book, and giving advice about different projects that can be implemented in the classroom to help create more of a progressive learning style in their classes. And I have found out that I have enjoyed every second of helping them and the mentoring process. When I saw that one of the position statement topics was about teacher leadership and advocacy, there wasn’t even a question in my mind that, that was the topic that I was suppose to do. I did not even realize that was a national trend, I just thought of it more of trying to help the new teachers, but it was neat to see how schools have actually created a program in their schools to help the teachers and build better relationships between the teachers, administration, and their communities.

      My career goal now is to join a textbook publishing company to help write the not only curricula for teachers but also create supplementary material to help save time for the teachers. So many times I have had to go find supplementary worksheets for the students because the book was not very helpful or sometimes we just needed more practice. Then I would spend sometimes hours finding something close to what I wanted, but I still needed to change some of the questions, content, or format for my class. I want to include editable supplementarity materials for the teachers so that way they don’t have to type everything up themselves. The file is there, you go in and make your few tweaks and then print your file. So many files are usually in pdf forms that I can’t make adjustments. I want something that is easy to conform to each individual teacher’s classrooms. This is why I joined  the C&I program. It has been a while since I have been a student in the educational setting, and so much has changed since I was in college. I felt that coming back to school would help bring me up to speed with current trends and technology to give me tools to help write the curriculum. With writing the curriculum, I want to travel and do professional development for teachers and schools to help them also learn some of the new technology and tricks to help the teachers be able to relate to their students more.