Admission Checklist

1. **Application / Application fee** ($50) or apply online for free at [www.marianuniversity.edu/apply](http://www.marianuniversity.edu/apply)

2. **Official Transcripts**: For the graduate certificate or master’s applicant: College/university transcripts send directly from the registrar of a previous institution verifying completion of: a) a baccalaureate degree and b) any other course work that could be considered for transfer in lieu of graduate degree requirements at Marian University.

3. **The Career Goal Statement** (approximately 500 words). You must be the sole author of this essay, having obtained no assistance (this includes editing) from other individuals. You must adhere to APA guidelines (6th edition).

As you complete the Career Goal Statement, please be aware that our questions are meant to help you distinguish yourself from other applicants. This document bears considerable weight in the admission process. The Admission Committee reviews all applicants to consider three specific areas:

1) Does the applicant demonstrate college-level written communication skills? Particular attention is paid to mechanics (grammar, punctuation, and spelling), the logical organization of material, analysis of issues, support of positions, and clarity of thought.
2) Does the applicant show an ability to critically think through a decision-making experience?
3) Does the Marian University Thanatology program appear to meet the goals and expectations of the applicant?

**Instructions:**

Write a personal statement indicating what you expect to learn and achieve from the Thanatology Program.

How will the Master of Science in Thanatology degree enhance your career plans? Project the kind of position you anticipate having five years after you earn this degree. What experiences have you had that form the foundation for your goals?

We encourage you to share with us some personal insights about experiences that have influenced your professional life.

We consider it a privilege to read your essay and want you to know that we respect your essay and want you to know that we respect your confidentiality.

The Admission Committee will review these documents when they are received, and you will be contacted regarding your acceptance into the program. If a personal interview is required, you will be notified, and a mutually convenient time will be established.

**If you have any questions or concerns during this process, please contact:**

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