



Student Interview Paper 1

For this assignment, you will be asked to “adopt” a first-year student enrolled at any four year college or university in the United States. Please do not choose a student you advise or have previously worked with in any capacity.

After identifying this student, you will need to spend a significant amount of time with him or her over the course of several weeks. While with your “student”, you should spend time learning about his or her pre-college and collegiate experiences. You will need to talk about the transition from high school, specific crises he or she may have endured while in college, current challenges he or she may be facing, and his or her current needs and aspirations. Of course, this list is not exhaustive; you will need to talk with the student about other aspects of his or her personal life.

In the written component of your assignment, you are to use the applicable psychosocial theories covered in this course to understand the developmental journey of your “student.” Discuss his or her specific experiences and developmental moments in the context of psychosocial theory. Think about what stages in relation to the psychosocial theoretical models this student may be negotiating. Also, what crises (if any) has he or she encountered and resolved, how was his or her development enhanced and/or stifled along his or her developmental journey, what roles did the environment and various people (family, peers, teachers/professors, student affairs professionals, etc.) play in his or her development?

This assignment is worth 25% of your grade. The paper should be roughly 10 pages (no less than 8, no more than 12). As usual, APA format is required, and points will be deducted for improper formatting. This assignment is due at the beginning of class on March 17th.