

Personal Statement

My name is Roseanne López. My dream started in a small town in Guanajuato, Mexico. As a child, I always had in mind of becoming a teacher and helping people in their learning process. I enjoyed helping my sister and classmates during class activities and homework assignments. During my High School years, I found that my passion was to help others and share my knowledge with all people around me. After finishing my High school, I decided to come to the United States to study. At first, it was really difficult to speak another language and adapting myself to a new culture. I started taking ESL classes at Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) in order to improve my english skills and achieved my goal of one day becoming a teacher. However, I was unsure what would be a good subject to teach. I found really interesting to learn about children's development and I chose Child Development as my major. After, I graduated in June 2015 from MPC with AS-T in Early Childhood Education. Then, I decided to apply to California State Monterey Bay (CSUMB) as Human Development Major to continue with my education.

The first semester at CSUMB, I took Human Development classes and Spanish 212 for Spanish speakers as a required language. I really enjoyed my Spanish class that I decided that Spanish was the subject I would like to teach in the future. After the semester was over, I decided to change my major to Spanish because I discovered the beauty of my language and how it can help people that are willing to learn Spanish. The following semesters I took more Spanish classes, I became really fascinated about Spanish grammar, literature and history about Latin-America. For example, I

remembered when I read “ Chac-Mool” by Carlos Fuentes or “ Es que somos muy pobres” by Juan Rulfo, I discovered a lot of fascinating things that literature offers me as a reader that I had never been exposed before. I found that my knowledge in Spanish would help other people to know more about Spanish linguistics, literature and culture. Now, I am really happy that I made the right decision because I found that Spanish is what I really want to teach in the future.

CSUMB has giving me the opportunity to expand my learning and grow as a person. I have been learning a lot about Hispanic literature writers. Also, I have been expanding my vocabulary and my writing has improved in many ways. I have been learning about the culture, history and people of different countries in Latin-America. Also, teachers of the Spanish faculty have been playing an important role in my learning experience because they are really supportive and encourage me to continue with my education.

After graduating from CSUMB, I would like to apply for the credential program to get my credentials to pursuit my dream of becoming a High School teacher. I also want to continue with my education and I would like to apply to the Master's program in Spanish at San Jose State University. I believe that if I prepared myself the best I can, I can better support students in their learning experience just like my professors have done with me in my learning process.