Position Statement II

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After completing this course, I still hope to obtain my Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) licensure and work in trauma-informed care. I hope my target population will be focused on ages ranging from young adulthood to middle adulthood. Throughout this course, I have not noticed many challenges to my professional goal, but I have found that this course has helped to broaden my knowledge of the different areas of expertise in the counseling profession. This course has taught me that there are many opportunities to find yourself and your passion during your professional development. This semester, I had the privilege of interviewing an LPC who works as the Director of Counseling Services at Bridgewater College. She advised me to have a wide range of experiences, but to also follow my gut feeling because it’ll help me to realize my passion and interests. The advice and knowledge I’ve received during this time has helped to strengthen my experience, while also providing me with reassurance. Before starting the Counselor Education program, I was unsure if I made the right decision by pursuing a master’s degree, but the experiences that I’ve had in this course have helped to reassure me that I am making the right decision. My professional plans have not changed with what exactly I want to do with my career, but I’ve had the ability to gather ideas of all the possibilities there are. I’ve been able to speak with some of my classmates about their current jobs, which has allowed me to realize that I could gain some experience in the field during my time in the program and before obtaining my degree and licensure. My current plan is to start submitting applications relatively soon to jobs that are related to the counseling and psychology field. Along with talking to some of my classmates, I’ve been doing my own research on jobs that I can apply to with my bachelor’s degree. One thing that has changed with my professional plan is that I originally thought I wanted to work with children, but that idea has changed over time. The youngest age that I want to work with is high school aged clients, around 16-years-old. Finally, a challenge that I noticed to my professional goals and beliefs was that I always thought I would want to work in private practice, now I’m not so sure. I would not be opposed to working in private practice in the future, but I also am open to working in other settings.