

Personal Statement

Hi, my name is Maira Yesenia Mendoza. I'm currently studying Spanish language and culture at California State University, Monterey Bay to obtain my BA. It has been a long way in order for me to be here.

Therefore, I feel proud of my accomplishments and I'm determined that I'm going to achieve all my goals. Sometimes, we make decisions in life that take you to a different path, but I think it's never too late to get an education. I dropped off College when I got married at a young age. I had a beautiful daughter. Unfortunately, I got divorced but my daughter gave me the strength that I needed at the moment to continue life. After going through all this hardships, one day, I asked myself what I want it to do with my life. Then, I thought about going back to school and finishing what I once left behind.

Ever Since I remember I wanted to become a teacher, at the time I didn't know what I wanted to teach; all I knew is that I wanted to become a teacher. I would always visualize myself being in front of the classroom and teaching the class. When I was at High School is when I knew what I wanted to teach. I took a Spanish course in High School and I really liked it, my teacher inspired me. Mostly all the students in class hated her because she was very strict and she would give us a lot of home-work. The teacher would always tells us that she was preparing us for college. After I took her class is when I knew what subject I wanted to teach.

I chose this major, because in some way I feel close to my culture, and my traditions back in Mexico. I like the community in which I grew up because they are mostly Hispanic people and that makes me feel that a part of Mexico is here in America where I grew up since I was 11 years old. I like being a Spanish mayor because I learned all about where I come from and it's interesting learning all the history. I'm happy with the career that I chose and I hope one day I will be teaching Spanish in a classroom.