

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY

The purpose of this assignment is to help you gain a better understanding of yourself by reflecting on your family experience, educational experience, and work or volunteer experience.

**Directions:** Write a 1 to 1.5 page (typed and double spaced) autobiography. Do not just answer the questions; remember this is an essay, so be descriptive. Note that this assignment is worth 15 points total, please refer to your green sheet for the assignment expectations, and be sure to proof read your paper!

Please include information from EACH of the following areas in your paper:

1. **Family Background:** Describe what it was like growing up in your family. Tell about your culture, where you grew up, moves, how you were raised, siblings, friends, or any other relevant history. What did you think you would be when you grew up? What interests or hobbies did you have when you were young? What were your dreams?
2. **Education:** What are your feelings about college? Did you enjoy Elementary, Middle and High School? What were your favorite courses? Which courses did you dislike? Did you attend different schools? Who was your favorite teacher? Why? Describe the adults who have been a positive influence in your life?
3. **Work/Volunteer:** Tell about the jobs that you have held. Did you like them? Are you working now? How many hours per week? What were or are your parent's occupations? What major or career do they think you should select? What do you think? What do others in your life say you should do?
4. **Self-Assessment:** Do you currently have a major? If so, are you happy with it? What are your plans after De Anza? What are your hobbies and interests? What do you believe is your greatest strength? What specific events have contributed to make you who you are today? What are your academic and career goals? Why are you taking CLP70?