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I am writing about the opportunity to work as an Academic Advisor at Oregon State University in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. I was really excited when I saw this opening and feel that my background working in Student Life at OSU and as an Instructor at LBCC and OSU would make me an ideal fit for this position.

I am an Oregon State graduate and have a master's degree from the College of Engineering and an MBA. During my MBA I worked as a Graduate Assistant in the Career Development Center and developed a love for academia and also working with students. After graduation I worked for two more years in Student Life. My role included working directly with the Dean on a number of projects related to assessing financial and student data. A major component of this role is advising students and I feel that my experiences as both a student and an instructor will allow me to be effective in this capacity. Engineering is a very challenging major and success depends on many factors with one of the most important being proper course planning. Classes fill up fast and students can experience significant financial and time setbacks from small scheduling mistakes. In this role I would actively work to provide the best mentoring and support to all the students I work with.

Finally, I am very familiar with the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and specific classes and the workloads they require. I have gained this knowledge in a number of different ways. The first is during my master's degree I designed digital radiation detection software in the Department of Nuclear Science and Technology. During this time I took a number of Computer Science courses. I also am currently a project sponsor for two CS Senior Capstone Projects.

My experiences at OSU have allowed me to learn about the vast resources available to students. My goal would be to help students succeed in all aspects of their college life and a major component of this is creating a work life balance through proper scheduling. I hope that I am able to speak more about my interest in this role.

Thanks for your time,
David Vasquez