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I am excited to be writing about the opportunity to work as an Academic Advisor at Oregon State University. I have over five years of experience working with students at Oregon State University and Linn Benton Community College that would allow me to excel in this role. Most recently I have been working as a Software Engineer at Cambia Health Solutions. I love working with and helping students and will briefly discuss how my background has prepared me for this role.

I was immediately drawn to this position because of the level of support it provides to students. As an instructor I have always worked to get to know as much about the students in my classes as I can in order to support and better tailor my teaching to their needs. As an Academic Adviser I would love the ability to work with students over the course of their education to help them be successful. As a graduate of the College of Engineering I understand how challenging it is for students to successfully complete their degree. I strongly feel that advising is one of the crucial aspects of success that allows students to graduate on time and balance their work load every term.

This position also has a focus on career success and during my MBA I worked as a Graduate Assistant at the Career Development Center. After this I stayed on full time working with both students and employers. I headed up the founding of our Advisory Committee made up of industry recruiters from companies like Boeing, Target and the United Way. The goal of this committee was to gain insight from recruiters on how to better prepare students for moving into industry. Recently I have worked with five teams a Project Sponsor for the EECS Senior Capstone. This experience has really helped me gain an understanding of what students are going through especially as they are moving towards graduation.

I really love being able to help students and this seems like the perfect role that would allow me to do this. I also am very passionate about technology and innovation so would actively work with other staff to seek new ways to better create student success. I hope that I am able to speak more about my interest in this role.

Thanks for your time,   
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