

Nursing Personal Statement advice.

As part of the UCAS application process you are required to provide a personal statement to support your application. The UCAS website provided valuable information on producing a personal statement and you should use this to guide you.

As far as nursing is concerned you need to communicate why you have chosen nursing and why you have chosen a particular field (adult, child, learning disability or mental health). To just state you wish to be offered an interview for a place on a nursing course because you have always wanted to be a nurses since you were in primary school is very unlikely to work!

You need to communicate what attracted you to nursing and your chosen field and why? It might be you have some personal or family experience that raised your interest and voluntary work or employment may have confirmed this is the right career for you. What life experience have you got that highlights to the reader that you may be an individual we should invite for interview? This may be experience in a caring environment but not necessarily so. Whilst there are many aspects to nursing, communicating with others in an effective manner taking into account a host of other factor is essential. So experience in a healthcare environment is clearly useful but so would be dealing with people in a non-healthcare environment (e.g. working in a café) where there are time pressures, prioritising, negotiation for example.

Say what you can offer to the nursing profession and society as well as nursing offering you a career. Sell yourself and you need to achieve this in a specified number of lines (37) or characters (4000) with accurate spelling and grammar. Treat it like an essay and plan how and when you are going to write your personal statement. This will give you the best chance to be offered an interview where you can demonstrate you should be offered a place, (though of course you need to also meet the entry requirements).

Best wishes

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