

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PERSONAL STATEMENT OUTLINE

Use this outline to jot down ideas for each section of your personal statement

THEME: Once you have chosen your central topic you will incorporate it throughout your personal statement.

Introduction: (Motivation)



Open with a hook or anecdote

Initial inspiration
Provide context

Body: (Fit and Capacity)



Action/Experience

Change
Insight in change/growth

Paragraph 1: PEEL

*Not all paragraphs will follow the outline in the exact order, but all elements of the outline should be present in each category.

Point: (Introduction to the main point of the paragraph)

Evidence: (Provide evidence to support the point you made)

Explain: (Explain why your evidence is important for this program and/or profession)

Link: (Link this point to the point you'll make in the next paragraph)



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Paragraph 2: PEEL

Point: (Introduction to the main point of the paragraph)

Evidence: (Provide evidence to support the point you made)

Explain: (Explain why your evidence is important for this program and/or profession)

Link: (Link this point to the point you'll make in the next paragraph)

Paragraph 3: PEEL

Point: (Introduction to the main point of the paragraph)

Evidence: (Provide evidence to support the point you made)

Explain: (Explain why your evidence is important for this program and/or profession)

Link: (Link this point to the point you'll make in the next paragraph)

Conclusion: (Vision)



Future goals

**What impact do you want to have
Conclude by reinforcing your thesis**

Tips:



Be clear and concise

**Write with a distinct voice
Use examples to go with your statements**

Adapted from Emory University "Writing A Personal Statement," 2018



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