



SAMPLE PERSONAL STATEMENT FOR NURSING SCHOOL

When I decided to volunteer at a local shelter for the homeless, I didn't expect it to change my outlook on life or inspire me to take on a career in the nursing field. I had grown up in a comfortable home and had never imagined the types of wounds, both physical and psychological, that could occur to a person who was living on the streets. Through this experience, I was able to utilize my medical knowledge to help others, and I realized that I wanted a career that would allow me to continue to work closely with patients to provide comforting care as well as healing. I am submitting this sample personal statement for nursing school to express my sincerity and dedication to continuing my education in the field of nursing.

Why is this a strong opening statement?

Rather than stating the overall conclusion of the paragraph (known as "giving away the punch line"), this line gives the reader something unexpected to think about while also introducing the author's intent for pursuing a degree in the nursing field.

The organization of this introduction paragraph allows for more creative leeway than the following paragraphs, but should follow a general trend from past to present, or a narration of a situation from beginning to end.

The last sentence of the introduction paragraph should clearly state the author's intent, which is their interest in the nursing school program. It should demonstrate that the author is serious about their goal and sets the stage for the next paragraph.

Over the past few years, I have spent much time volunteering and working at various medical centers in order to further my understanding of the clinic and nursing duties. During my time volunteering at a mental health clinic, I learned how to work with patients exhibiting a wide range of psychiatric symptoms, and ensured that they received their medications. I also worked with young children at a pediatric clinic, where I developed skills in working with patients and their families to develop a better understanding of medical procedures. These experiences have heightened my awareness of the different responsibilities of a nursing professional, and I look forward to expanding my knowledge through this Nursing School program.

The supporting paragraph should include the following aspects:

- Previous experience in the field
- Skills and duties performed
- How these experiences have aided in development or mastery of skills in the field

These supporting details show that the author has had a wide and varied experience in the nursing field and is capable of working with different populations of patients.

The conclusion of this paragraph should describe the lessons learned from previous experiences, and how they will apply to the future.

My work and training during Nursing School will prepare me for the challenges that I will face as a nursing professional in the future. Through advanced coursework in the medical field, I will be able to gain insight into the advanced mechanisms driving disease, as well as how to identify different types of symptoms in patients. The applied clinical aspect of my education will allow me to explore the different roles that nurses play in providing medical care and monitoring patient wellness. I am confident that the skills and the techniques that I will gain through this Nursing School program will allow me to pursue my career goals of becoming a Registered Nurse in the future.

The conclusion paragraph should open with a statement that re-hashes the importance of the nursing school program to the author's career development.

The conclusion paragraph should include some descriptions of particular skills or knowledge that the author will gain through completing the coursework of the program. This also demonstrates an understanding of program requirements as well as the particular strengths of the individual program.

The conclusion sentence is strong because it integrates all the information from the entire statement and presents it in the context of the author's future career goals.

Nursing schools are looking for applicants that are not only well-versed in their programs and experienced in the field, but also that will take their skills to their future jobs and reflect positively on the program.