## TERTIARY DIFFERENT ROUTE, SAME DEGREE



## **How to Write a Personal Statement:**



A personal statement is a chance to get noticed for the unique talents and experiences you have. It's an important part of the application process as it's an opportunity to talk about yourself and your passions, outside of your academic achievements.

There are two things to consider when you are preparing your statement; the practical and factual information you need to get across, and the more emotional, human parts of you that make you different to everyone else. Decide what are the key things you'd want admissions to know about you, and then get them down on paper.

Questions you might want to consider when preparing your personal statements are:

- 1. Why do you want to study this course?
- 2. How have your studies or previous qualifications helped you to prepare for this course?
- 3. What else have you done outside of education and why are these experiences helpful?

Start by explaining why you are interested in this course, showcasing your knowledge and understanding, and sharing your ambitions of what you want to achieve. Keep it relevant and simple.

Describe your personal and practical skills which paint a unique picture of who you are and illustrate why you'll be a successful student. Show your passion and really demonstrate who you are. If you have hobbies or volunteering experiences related to the subject include reference to them.

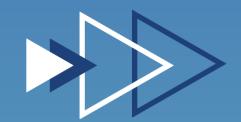
Don't forget to include some evidence; reference your achievements and any positions or responsibility you have or had. Include your work or skills experience.

Explain how you plan to use your knowledge and experience to progress.





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Preparation for a Non-Evaluative Engagement / Interview



Non-evaluative engagement can be a part of the entry process to Tertiary Degree where required. It is designed to provide you with an opportunity to demonstrate your qualities and to express why do you want to be on your chosen degree.

Engagement will take place in your local ETB where you will be invited to attend at the indicated time and the date.

In preparation for the engagement, you need to consider what makes this degree a right option for you: what skills, qualities and experience you have relevant to the degree you would like to undertake.

Research the course you would like to attend and prepare any questions you would like to ask in relation to the course.

Successful candidates will be contacted and offered a provisional place on the tertiary degree based on successful interview and meeting the entry criteria.



