

Health Professions Personal Statement Information

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Please utilize this document as a helpful guide to review the essay prompts used in the most recent application cycle; however, keep in mind that the essays, character counts, and/or prompts provided may differ annually. It is the **student's/applicant's responsibility** to ensure that you carefully review the specific requirements for the application cycle you are applying to.

	Application Service Essay Name	Maximum Character Count	Prompt
DENTAL	AADSAS Personal Statement	4500	Please explain why you want to pursue a dental career.
	TMDSAS Personal Statement	5000	Explain your motivation to seek a career in dentistry. You are asked to discuss your philosophy of the dental profession and indicate your goals relevant to the profession.
MEDICAL	AMCAS Personal Comments Essay	5300	Use the space provided to explain why you want to go to medical school.
	AACOMAS Personal Statement	5300	<i>No prompt is provided, but you can use the AMCAS or TMDSAS prompts as guides.</i>
	TMDSAS Personal Statement	5000	Explain your motivation to seek a career in medicine. You are asked to include the value of your experiences that prepare you to be a physician.
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	OTCAS Personal Statement	No clear character limit, but OTCAS advises to limit to one page (unless otherwise specified)	Your Personal Essay should address why you selected occupational therapy as a career and how this degree relates to your immediate and long-term professional goals. We invite you to share how your lived experiences (e.g., personal, professional, cultural, etc.) have influenced your interest in pursuing OT. This essay is an important part of your application and allows you to clearly and effectively express yourself. Do not personalize this essay for a particular program, as it is shared with all your programs.

OPTOMETRY	OptomCAS Personal Statement	4500*	Please describe what inspires your decision for becoming an optometrist, including your preparation for training in this profession, your aptitude and motivation, the basis for your interest in optometry, and your future career goals.* <i>*This character count/prompt may vary slightly depending on the program</i>
PHARMACY	PharmCAS Personal Essay	4500	Your Personal Essay should address why you selected pharmacy as a career and how the Doctor of Pharmacy degree relates to your immediate and long-term professional goals. Describe how your personal, educational, and professional background will help you achieve your goals. The personal essay is an important part of your application for admission and provides you with an opportunity for you to clearly and effectively express your ideas.
PHYSICAL THERAPY	PTCAS Essay	4500	Every person has a background, an identity, interests, or talents which they feel their application would be incomplete without having mentioned. Describe the traits or experiences that make you unique and explain how they will help you be a successful physical therapist.
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	CASPA Personal Statement	5000	Please explain why you are interested in being a Physician Assistant.
PODIATRY	AACPMAS Personal Statement	4500	State below why you are interested in becoming a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine. Provide information about your development for a career in Podiatric Medicine.
	TMDSAS Personal Statement	5000	Explain your motivation to seek a career in podiatry. You are asked to include the value of your experiences that prepare you to be a physician.
VETERINARY MEDICINE	VMCAS Essay	3000	Your statement of purpose essay must answer the question: Why do you want to pursue a career in veterinary medicine?
	TMDSAS Personal Statement	5000	Describe opportunities and challenges (veterinary-related and non-veterinary-related) you have experienced and how these have helped to prepare you to enter the veterinary profession.