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This article is an essential guide to how to edit the personal statement. In this article Elaine Millward, encourages you to develop your editing skills and get a perfect finished personal statement.

Packed with advice and information, this article is written for the vast numbers of students embarking on the personal statement for the first time, she explains how to use editing for your advantage.

This article has been written as a mini guide to writing the personal statement. The Get Into Uni personal statement writing guide contains systematic instructions on the techniques to help increase the odds of your application, however this article contains a short guide to writing your way into university. For most potential students there are some clear reasons why they wish to embark on university. The single best reason is that the subject area fascinates the reader. This article will offer insight into how you should approach your personal statement.

One of the typical complaints of Admission Officers is that student personal statements all seem the same; unfortunately, students normally read a number of sample statements on the internet and automatically write a typical personal statement from the range of available sample personal statements found on websites. It is important to put yourself in the shoes of the admissions officer: why would your application be unique, how are you different from the other candidates? Primarily you need to decide how you will divide your personal statement into digestible chunks. The most obvious way is to divide into paragraphs of 100 words. If you aim for between 500 and 600 words at most, it will help your admission officer when they have to read thousands of personal statements to find the perfect student.

So let's take a look at the way your personal statement should be structured? If you spent, time analysing our sample personal statements you will see that each paragraph revolves around one particular incident or the subject area of study. Although the personal statement should logically flow from start to finish, none the less, unlike a book with a distinctive story running through it and building up to a climax, a personal statement is episodic in style and content so that each paragraph stands out.

In planning your paragraphs, you must give the admissions officer a glow so they will wish to continue the next section. To illustrate the structure, let's take a look at the typical personal statement organisation. The first paragraph will need to be an exciting and dynamic narrative to capture the reader's attention, the subsequent paragraphs should outline why you wish to study for your particular field followed by a compelling powerful final paragraph with strong action verbs to give your reader the final push to admit you.

You may find it helpful to prepare a brief synopsis or outline of the way you see your personal statement developing. It doesn't have to be very long or detailed and, like most personal statement outlines, you do not have to stick to it if, as you go along, you find a better route for your journey. Keep it simple and let it serve merely as a quick reminder of where you're going. It might run like this: First

memory - seeing my new baby brother in my mother's arms. Nursing experience - volunteer in residential nursing home. Visiting the baby clinic - desires to become a midwife sufficed. Goals for the future - career ambitions.

It is important to cover whatever period you intend to include in your personal statement because time spent planning your sequence and the method you feel happiest with will undoubtedly make the actual writing that much easier for you.

The biggest problem you will find is finding the topics of discussion in your personal statement and selecting those topics you want to use and which topics you wish to leave out. Remember that with any form of writing you are practicing the art form. Get Into Uni Oxford Educated editors edit the personal statements for our customers. A while ago, I was asked to take a critical look at a personal statement which spanned the student's life from age two to eighteen and it made gripping reading but was far too long and the student had not been selective enough in the abundance of material she chose from. The word count ran to 1,500 words - far too long for a personal statement. The task of reducing your personal statement can be enthusiastically undertaken but the problem is that you need to look at your original brainstormed ideas to organise your material for the selection process. The only criterion you need to apply at this stage is this incident of sufficient interest to the admission officer.

I hope that you agree a powerful beginning is of paramount importance or we will quickly lose the Admission Officer's interest. Then, once having captured his or hers attention, we have to make sure your personal statement ending is dynamic and in the right place. Each paragraph should be pleasing to the reader and you need to write a natural conclusion. Chekhov once said that the essence of good style is simplicity. The best advice is therefore, to keep it simple.

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End Note:

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Online Paralegal Degree - Never Leave Your Home

By Nelson Widrow

Now there's few words that I like more than consortium and portal; and that is just one of the exciting reasons why I'm getting all sorts of worked up for my university online degree. Are you thinking that I could engage in other activities that had some semblance of a connection with the words consortium and portal? I agree. But, I also want to get started on my career and don't have the time to go to classes full time, because of my job.

The problem was that I have always been a little apprehensive of the programs that offered university online degrees. This is where my two favorite words come in. I can actually get my degree, online, by taking classes from major universities. Not simple institutions.

For example, If I used the Canadian Virtual University, or CVU, I have the option of taking classes from 13 established universities across Canada. There are several of these types of organizations, such as the Global University Alliance. This is a consortium of nine different major universities from the U.S., Britain, New Zealand, Australia, and the Netherlands. As you have probably gathered by now the Global University Alliance or CVU themselves have no classes to offer, but simply act as a portal for the major universities. This way your getting the benefits of a university online degree (classes at your own pace and convenience, yet still offering personalized attention), but also having the satisfaction that you're not sacrificing a quality education.

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