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Matriculate Class 2026 Health Professions Advisory Committee Directions for Your Personal Statement Essay

Please provide to the HPAC a statement articulating your motivations and suitability for the study and practice of a health profession. This confidential essay conveys to the HPAC your insight into how significant events and undertakings have prepared you to pursue a career in the health professions. **It is only for use by HPAC; and will not be share with other offices, advisers, or professional schools.** Although only for HPAC purposes, your essay indicates your suitability as an applicant and should be the basis for your much shorter personal statement required by health professions school applications. *Therefore, it is in your best interest to craft a superb essay. We recommend you seek feedback from College Writing Associates for organization and execution.* Although we have no length limitations, we suggest typically 4-6 pages double-spaced with 1 inch margins.

Your essay needs to be reflective and insightful. It conveys why you are unique as an applicant. It must provide evidence of your strengths, ways you have targeted your weaknesses; in short, it should answer the question “why ought **you** be selected for admission to this health professions school?” This is your opportunity to demonstrate your best judgment on how your suite of skills and abilities prepare you for success as a health practitioner. We on the HPAC seek to gain a better understanding of you, your goals, and your purpose. A thoughtful essay assists HPAC in writing a more detailed, personalized letter on your behalf.

Please provide your Personal Statement either in hard copy, or in electronic form as a .doc, docx, or .pdf for ease of transmittal. Complete it **NO LATER THAN 1 MARCH 2025** and submit it to the **Office of Advising and Co-Curricular Programs, Health Professions, 105 Scott Hall, healthprofessions@lafayette.edu**. Be certain to retain copies for your own records.