

Statement of Purpose Outline

- a) Paragraph 1: Introduction
 - i) Tell the reader who you are and what your goals are
 - (1) You can start off with an anecdote or get straight to the point
- b) Paragraph 2: Education
 - i) Describe your educational experiences and how they prepared you to succeed in graduate school
 - (1) Focus on the most impactful and relevant experiences
- c) Paragraph 3-4: Practical Experience
 - i) Describe any professional experience, clinical experience, shadowing, or volunteering relevant to your field of study/graduate program
 - (1) Focus on achievements, positive feedback, anecdotes/stories that illustrate your professionalism, excellence, etc.
- d) Paragraph 5: Why did you chose that Graduate Program
 - i) Write why you chose to study what you decided to study and why you're the perfect fit for the program
 - (1) Let the admissions committee know that you have thoroughly researched the graduate program
 - (2) Discuss professors and/or programs/opportunities that the particular university offers that match your own research/professional interests or specialties.
- e) Paragraph 6: Goals
 - i) Describe what your short-term and long-term goals are, and how this graduate program will help you accomplish them
 - (1) What contributions will you make?
 - (a) i.e. social, societal, cultural
- f) Paragraph 7: Conclusion & Statement of Confidence
 - i) Reiterate your purpose and your interest in the program
 - ii) This could be integrated with the previous paragraph if it is too short
- g) Things to keep in mind & do:
 - i) Proofread
 - ii) Use correct grammar & spelling
 - iii) Be a nerd
 - iv) Show your interest in your field
 - v) Brag about yourself