

CV and Personal Statement

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Application Process

Cover letter, CV, and Personal Statement
Reference letters



Purpose of CV and PS

- Content: Informative
 - All about “What You Are”
- “Your Personality”
 - Clear, Neat, and Accurate; **“Professional”**
 - Enthusiasm, Intelligence (“Make sense”), Compassion, Honesty, Perseverance, Leadership, Teamwork,
 - “Unique” qualification
- Academic Credentials; Experience; Goals
- **Preparation, preparation, preparation!!!**
 - Should be reviewed by “US physicians” before submission
- First step for getting an interview

How do interviewers read you CV and PS?

- Scored for interview
- Topic of discussion at an interview
- Interviewers always want to know whether you are a good candidate for their program and whether you are a good candidate for “physician”
 - **Professional, enthusiastic, compassionate, accurate, honest, consistent, mature, responsible, diligent, pleasant, etc**
- The content of your documents have to be consistent with what you are

What should you write for your PS?

- Why I have decided to become a physician? What made me decide to be a physician.
- My career goals: This is what I would like to become
- The most impressive episode in my life
- What I most value in my life: What my life means to me
- Why am I so unique? Something what I have and nobody else has.

Questions of Reviewers/Interviewers

- Do you want this applicant to be one of your colleagues?
 - Reviewers are responsible to first screening process (“Triage”)
- Reviewers have to make this decision based upon what you have submitted.
- What kind of qualifications do reviewers base upon to make this decision?

Enthusiasm

Motivation

Intelligence

Compassion

Maturation

Leadership

Honesty

Responsibility

Perseverance

Teamwork

Consistency

Uniqueness