
What is required?

You will need to submit a concise 1-2 page (approximately 1000 words) statement with your application.

In your statement, address the categories and indicators as outlined below. The statement can be word-processed, typewritten or neatly handwritten.

Please note, if you are applying for more than one Initial Teacher Education course(s), you need only submit one Personal Statement for these courses.

Category 1: Interest in Teaching and Children/Young People

Write approximately 500 words/a page about your motivation and suitability for teaching. You may consider the following prompts to frame your response:

- Who or What has inspired you to become a teacher?
 - Why is teaching a good career choice?
 - Why are you interested in teaching children/young people?
 - What subjects are you interested in teaching and why?
 - What does being a good teacher mean?
 - What skills and abilities do you have that will make you a good teacher?
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Category 2: Involvement in Personal Learning and Leadership Activities

Write approximately 500 words/a page about your involvement in learning and/or leadership activities that demonstrate capabilities such as:

- Willingness to learn,
- Conscientiousness,
- Resilience,
- Interpersonal and Communication Skills, and
- Organisation and planning skills

You could demonstrate by describing examples

from your: School Experience:

- co-curricular participation
e.g. Arts, Sports, debating, social justice

Projects:

e.g. curriculum projects, science fairs

Leadership experiences

e.g. student leadership positions, Arts, Sports

Support of other learners

e.g. peer mentoring, coaching, buddy programs

Work Experience:

- Employment history and roles.
- Employment involving children or young people
- Work-based training undertaken
- Work-based training provided

Volunteer and Community Experience:

- Volunteer or community experience
e.g. community groups, parish/church groups, Cadets, Lifesaving, fundraising, clubs
- Community learning and training experiences
e.g. Guides, Scouts, Duke of Edinburgh awards, St Johns

Personal talents, interests and abilities:

- Elite performance
e.g. athletic, creative arts, other areas

Disadvantage that you have overcome:

- Social, cultural or economic
- Geographical - remote and rural
- Personal and health

You may consider the following prompts to frame your response:

- What learning activities have I been engaged in?
 - What leadership activities have I undertaken?
 - What activities of personal interest am I involved in?
How long have I participated? How am I involved?
 - What tasks or events have I planned and/or organised?
 - How have I shown that I can work with others?
 - What do I do to overcome obstacles, challenges or problems?
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