

Graduate School of Education

Personal Statement

In order to be admitted into the Graduate Diploma in School Psychology, applicants must demonstrate that they have the necessary personal characteristics to become successful School Psychologists.

Applicants must write a personal statement addressing communication and relational capabilities; self-awareness and management; motivation to become a school psychologist; willingness to learn; and organisational and planning skills. Your personal statement should be no more than 1200 – 1400 words.

1) Communication and relational capabilities

Provide evidence and examples to demonstrate that you have excellent oral and written communication skills in English, and that you have the ability to build and maintain respectful relationships with people from a range of backgrounds and age groups.

[Insert your response here]

2) Self-awareness and self-management

Provide evidence and examples to show that you are self-aware (you know yourself and the impact you may have on others) and able to regulate your own emotions and behaviour and show resilience, even in stressful situations.

[Insert your response here]

3) Motivation to become a school psychologist

Explain why you want to be a school psychologist and what you think you can bring to the profession. Go beyond statements such as, "I love working with children/young people."

[Insert your response here]

4) Willingness to learn (including ability to act on feedback)

Provide evidence and examples that demonstrate your willingness to learn, to question your attitudes and beliefs, and your ability to act on the feedback and advice given to you by others.

[Insert your response here]

5) Organisational and planning skills

Provide evidence and examples that demonstrate that you have organisational skills and are able to make plans and execute them effectively.

[Insert your response here]

6) Up to date discipline knowledge

In addition, if you completed your degree five or more years ago, you must also address the following in no longer than 250 words:

How have you kept up to date in the field in which you plan to work?

Declaration: *I declare that this personal statement is entirely my own work, and truthfully addresses the requested criteria. I understand that my enrolment may be cancelled and my academic record annotated accordingly if it becomes apparent that I was offered a place based on false or misleading information.*

Date: (DD/MM/YYYY) _____

Applicant Signature: _____