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Essay Prompts for the Most Common Central Applications

<p><u>AMCAS</u></p>	<p>American Medical College Application Service (MD) Prompt: Use the Personal Comments essay as an opportunity to distinguish yourself from other applicants. Some questions you may want to consider while writing this essay are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why have you selected the field of medicine?• What motivates you to learn more about medicine?• What do you want medical schools to know about you that hasn't been disclosed in another section of the application? <p>In addition, you may wish to include information such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special hardships, challenges or obstacles that may have influenced your educational pursuits.• Commentary on significant fluctuations in your academic record that are not explained elsewhere in your application. <p><i>Length: 5300 Characters (includes spaces)</i></p>
<p><u>AACOMAS</u></p>	<p>American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service Prompt: No prompt, just "Personal Statement goes here".</p> <p><i>Length: 4500 Characters (includes spaces)</i></p>
<p><u>AACPMAS</u></p>	<p>American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine Applications Service Prompt: State below why you are interested in becoming a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine. Provide information about your development for a career in Podiatric Medicine.</p> <p><i>Length: 4500 characters (including spaces)</i></p>

<p><u>AADSAS</u></p>	<p>Associated American Dental Schools Application Service Prompt: The personal essay provides an opportunity for you to explain why you desire to pursue dental education. The Admissions Committee members who read your essay are looking for individuals who are motivated, academically prepared, articulate, socially conscious, and knowledgeable about the profession. Write about your experiences and any qualities that will make you stand out.</p> <p><i>Length: 4500 characters (including spaces)</i></p>
<p><u>CASPA</u></p>	<p>Central Application Service for Physician Assistants Prompt: USING YOUR OWN WORDS, write a brief statement expressing your motivation or desire to become a physician assistant. You are encouraged to save your work often in the event that you are timed out of the system.</p> <p><i>Length: 5000 characters</i></p>
<p><u>NursingCAS</u></p>	<p>Nursing College Application Service Prompt: The Personal Statement section allows applicants to compose and save program specific statements and essays. Applicants are able to attach their statement to a specific program designation.</p> <p><i>Length: 2,970 characters</i></p>
<p><u>OptomCAS</u></p>	<p>Optometry Centralized Application Service Prompt: Please describe what inspires your decision for becoming an optometrist, including your preparation for training in this profession, your aptitude and motivation, the basis for your interest in optometry, and your future career goals.</p> <p><i>Length: 4500 characters (may also create different essays for different programs)</i></p>
<p><u>OTCAS</u></p>	<p>Occupational Therapy Centralized Application Service Prompt: Your personal essay should address why you selected OT as a career and how an Occupational Therapy degree relates to your immediate and long term professional goals. Describe how your personal, educational, and professional background will help you to achieve your goals.</p> <p><i>Length: 4500 characters (including spaces)</i></p>

<p><u>PharmCAS</u></p>	<p>Pharmacy College Application Service Prompt: Your Personal Essay should address why you selected pharmacy as a career and how the Doctor of Pharmacy degree relates to your immediate and long-term professional goals. Describe how your personal, educational, and professional background will help you achieve your goals. The personal essay is an important part of your application for admission and provides you with an opportunity for you to clearly and effectively express your ideas.</p> <p><i>Length: 4500 characters (including spaces)</i></p>
<p><u>PTCAS</u></p>	<p>Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service Prompt: Describe your decision making process in choosing physical therapy as a career choice versus other health care careers.</p> <p><i>Length: 4500 characters (including spaces)</i></p>
<p><u>SOPHAS</u></p>	<p>Schools of Public Health Application Service Prompt: You are encouraged to comment on any or all of the following: plans you have to use your education and training; the needs and/or challenges you perceive as important in your field of study; and any personal qualities, characteristics, and skills you believe will enable you to be successful in your chosen field of study. If you are applying to multiple schools and want to make your essays specific to each school follow the instructions above, and name additional essays with different unique descriptions.</p> <p><i>Length: 1500 words</i></p>
<p><u>VMCAS</u></p>	<p>Veterinary Medical College Application Service Prompt: Our personal statement should help the admission committee(s) learn something about you as a person, about the development of your interest in veterinary medicine, and about your career goals.</p> <p><i>Length: 5000 characters (including spaces)</i></p>