PGCE Personal Statement – Advice from GTTR/UCAS

Personal statement

- This is your chance to tell training providers why they should want you as a trainee teacher. A good personal statement is important - it could influence a training provider's decision to offer you an interview.
- You should consider carefully what information to include and the best way to present it effectively. Remember, you must be truthful and accurate in what you write.
- This may be your only written work that the training provider sees before making a decision: make sure it is organised and literate. **Get the grammar, spelling and punctuation right**.

What to include in your personal statement

Tell training providers why you would make a good teacher

Admissions officers will want to see:

- Why you want to teach e.g. who or what influenced you to be a teacher, why will you enjoy being a teacher?
- Why you think you have the qualities to become a good teacher
- Evidence that you have the necessary personal qualities, skills and experience:
  - The ability to relate to young people
  - Good communication and interpersonal skills
  - Organisational and management skills
  - Enthusiasm , patience and resilience
  - Adaptability , creativity and a good imagination
  - Subject knowledge through your degree and why you will enjoy teaching that subject
  - Work experience relevant to the primary or secondary curriculum
  - How your work experience has given you a positive but realistic view of the teaching profession
  - How work experience has helped you reflect on teaching practice
  - Relevant hobbies such as sport, music, drama, ICT and language skills

If you want help with the above, please book an appointment for a personal statement review with a Careers Consultant. For Streatham and St. Luke's campus, ring 01392 724493 or pop in to the Career Zone reception in the Forum. For students on the Penryn campus, please ring 01326 253735 or pop into The Exchange.