

Personal Statement Prep Worksheet

Write down the answers to all these questions. Use this as your notes to create your rough draft. You'll want to start to create solid body paragraphs that begin with a topic sentence that clearly describes what you will be discussing in the paragraph. For example: "My strong work ethic and ability to multi-task will help me not only make it through the demanding years of medical school but will carry over into my career as a competent, caring physician." Then go on to provide examples that demonstrate your strong work ethic and ability to multi-task.

Begin by writing down your strongest selling points for admission to the next phase of your life:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Now write down some examples that illustrate your strengths (i.e. compassion, quick learner, hard worker, strong drive, etc.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Begin your essay with a story or anecdote that captures the reader's interest that also shows something unique about you. End your introductory remarks with a clear thesis statement that states your main reason for writing: "I will succeed in pharmaceutical school and as a practicing pharmacist because of my ____, ____, and ____."

Conclude your essay with a reminder to the reader of your strengths and your desire to succeed in your chosen endeavor.