

Instructions for the personal statement letter for Certificate program

Instructions: Prepare a personal statement written in the style of a letter. This letter is very important in the evaluation of your application. Include all of the following items:

1. Discuss why you are interested in pursuing the Certificate in Public Health, the strengths you have at the time of application for admission, and those areas in which you would like to increase your expertise, competencies, and personal/professional development.
2. Outline your professional goals, both immediate and long term, (e.g., what do you see yourself doing with your degree).
3. What are your strengths and weaknesses as a scholar? What would you like to grow and improve in during your time as a graduate student?
4. Describe 1-2 experiences that have shaped your interest in the field of public health. How are these experiences important for the master of public health emphasis area (listed in #4) you selected?
5. Describe one academic experience that has meant the most to you in your educational career.
6. Remember to date and sign or type your name on the letter.