



Medicine Personal Statement Checklist

This is a free checklist to help you ensure you've done all you can to make your **Graduate Entry Medicine personal statement** successful. Read my blog post [7 Steps to a Successful Personal Statement for further guidance!](#)

I'd love your feedback on this resource to help me improve it! Takes <1min

Link for feedback: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WXPFQBB>



Within UCAS size limit (47 lines of text or 4,000 characters including spaces and punctuation)

This will roughly equate to 500 words.



Grabbing / hook in first line

Show enthusiasm and motivation. Try to say something original and unique to you. Don't lie and say you've always wanted to be a doctor if you haven't.



What you've done between now and leaving school

Important for graduates e.g. mention your other degree(s).



Reasons for applying or re-applying to Medicine. If you didn't want to be a doctor before, why now?

Another one important for graduate applicants!



Work experience & volunteering

Explain how they have prepared you for Medicine and shown you the pros and cons of being a doctor. Consider some of the key qualities and skills of a doctor: empathy, compassion, communication, teamwork, integrity, leadership, hard working.

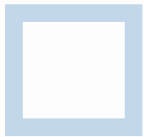


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Academic ability

Discuss an achievement, assignment or topic that really took your interest. Demonstrate a desire to learn and intellectual curiosity.



Talk, book or other experiences that have inspired you to become a doctor

This further demonstrates your interest in the profession.



Extra-curricular activities & the transferable skills you have gained from them

Shows you have an outlet when stressed and are well rounded. Plus, good opportunity to mention key skills and qualities you have (see below).



Examples of key skills and qualities e.g. empathy, communication, teamwork, time management, desire to learn, leadership

You could give examples via work experience, volunteering, extra-curriculars, previous employment, previous studies.



Shown you understand the realities of being a doctor and its less glamorous sides

e.g. long hours, stress, less time with family, rude patients



Spelling & grammar check

Do this in Microsoft Word or equivalent. It's not possible to do it in UCAS itself.