

Postgraduate teaching personal statement checklist

You have up to 47 lines (1000 - 4,000 characters including spaces). The statement should be concise, enthusiastic, sell your potential to be a successful teacher and evidenced with examples.

1. Why you want to be a teacher:

- Your reasons for wanting to teach, who or what influenced your decision to teach
- Why you've applied for your chosen subject and age group
- Evidence that you understand the realities, rewards & challenges of teaching (including behaviour management)
- Reflect on the subject knowledge you have and how it is relevant to the national curriculum
- Why you enjoy working with young people (provide **specific examples** that demonstrate you have the commitment, motivation, qualities & skills required to be a teacher)

2. School experience & reflect on what you have gained/learnt from it:

- Types of schools you visited and for how long
- What you did/observed and what you learnt from it
- Subjects/lessons you taught/observed and techniques/strategies used
- Areas of the national curriculum you observed
- Age groups & range of abilities you worked with
- Any specific groups of students you supported & how you adapted your teaching
- How you worked in a team/with parents
- Whether you have taken part in the School Experience Programme (SEP)

3. Other experience that demonstrates teaching skills & qualities:

- Academic or practical experience that demonstrates an interest in teaching or working with young people (e.g. youth clubs, summer camps, sports clubs etc.)
- Relevant, interests and achievements, awards, language skills, training attended, leadership skills you have gained from other employment

To see what skills are commonly required for teaching:

- www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/primary-school-teacher
- www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/secondary-school-teacher

For advice or feedback on your statement please book a careers appointment at: <https://worcester.targetconnect.net>

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