

The Personal Statement (500-800 words):

Why do you want to enter the field of healthcare informatics? And, what will you contribute to the HCI program at Bellevue College and to the field after graduation?

To properly address the questions above, discuss the following as support for your response:

- Your educational background—knowledge or experience gained
- Your previous/current work experience (if applicable)—accolades given or challenges overcome
- Specific or unique attributes you could bring to the program and you believe make you a strong candidate
- Your personal and professional goals
- Your commitment to diversity, social justice, and being a local and global citizen
- Your desire to be a vibrant and interactive part of the HCI/Bellevue College community

Purpose of the Statement:

This statement gives us a chance to learn more about who you are as an individual and if your goals and experiences are a good fit with the program and the college as a whole. This is an opportunity for you to express your personal and professional aspirations as well as a way for you to show us your ability to communicate clearly and effectively. The statement has an important role in helping us evaluate your potential place within our present HCI program and the future of healthcare informatics.

Format and Structure:

Your personal statement should be organized around the above questions and their supporting bullet points. It should contain a clear introduction, body, and conclusion with topic sentences and a thesis. Use the question to frame the sections of your response and make sure to include as much bulleted information as you can to support your response.

Additional Information:

Further information regarding the scoring criteria, a sample statement and dates of writing workshops can be found on our website:

<https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/hci/how-to-apply/personal-statement/>