

West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Doctor of Public Administration
Personal Statement Prompts

Please address the following prompts in your personal statement. This should be uploaded as a part of your application materials.

1. Describe your career orientation and plans, and previous educational experiences.
2. Describe how a Doctor of Public Administration degree will contribute to your ability to achieve your objectives. Discuss what Doctor of Public Administration course offerings you feel especially excited about taking.
3. Identify which concentration or elective courses you are interested in, and how this concentration/courses will help you achieve your career and educational goals.
4. Describe your research interests and provide a potential area/research question for your dissertation.
5. Obtaining a doctorate degree can be a long, difficult road. It requires a great deal of independent work, demanding that students be extremely self-directed, self-motivated, and disciplined. Discuss your motivations, and how you plan to balance the demands of your doctoral studies with your current personal and professional obligations.
6. The DPA program is offered via an online format. Please discuss your familiarity with online learning and technology. If you are not familiar with online learning, please discuss the steps you plan to take to be an active and successful online learner.

PLEASE SEND ANY QUESTIONS TO:
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