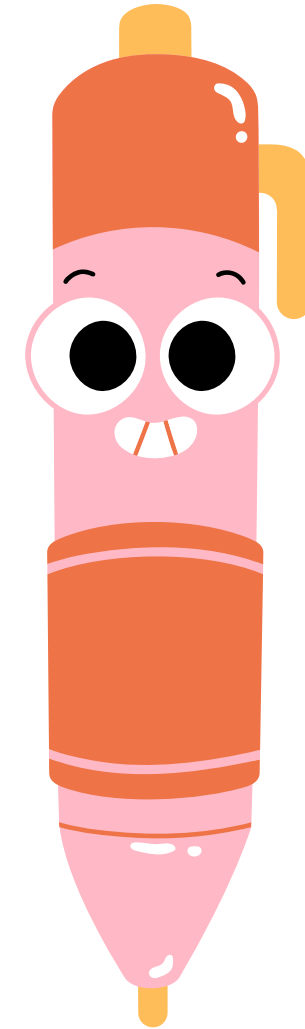
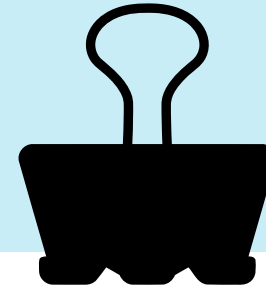


# PERSONAL STATEMENT WORKSHOP

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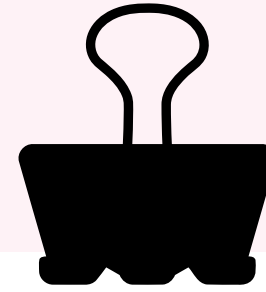


# WHAT IS A PERSONAL STATEMENT

- One part of your application.
- 4,500 character essay describing your journey in dentistry
- Tell a story using experiences.
- Professional writing.

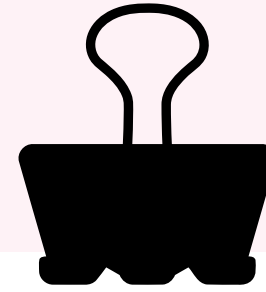


Prompt: What motivated you to pursue a career in oral health.



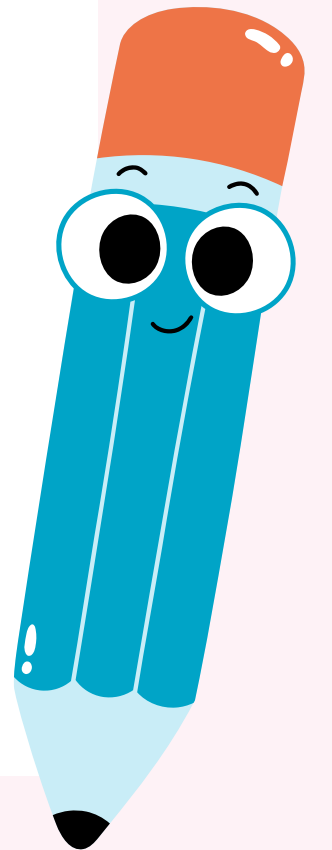
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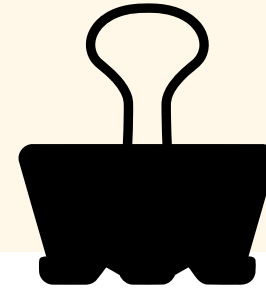
- Passion for dentistry
- Personal experiences
- Reflections on challenges and growth.



# HOW TO START

- Begin early by jotting down ideas (google doc, notes app).
- Outline --> what have you done to get you to this point, what has shaped you, experiences that have reaffirmed your passion.
- Connection btwn all ideas!!

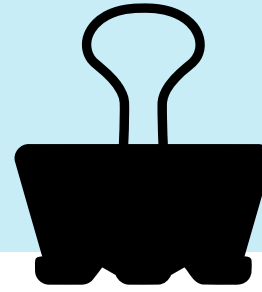




# EXAMPLE PROCESS

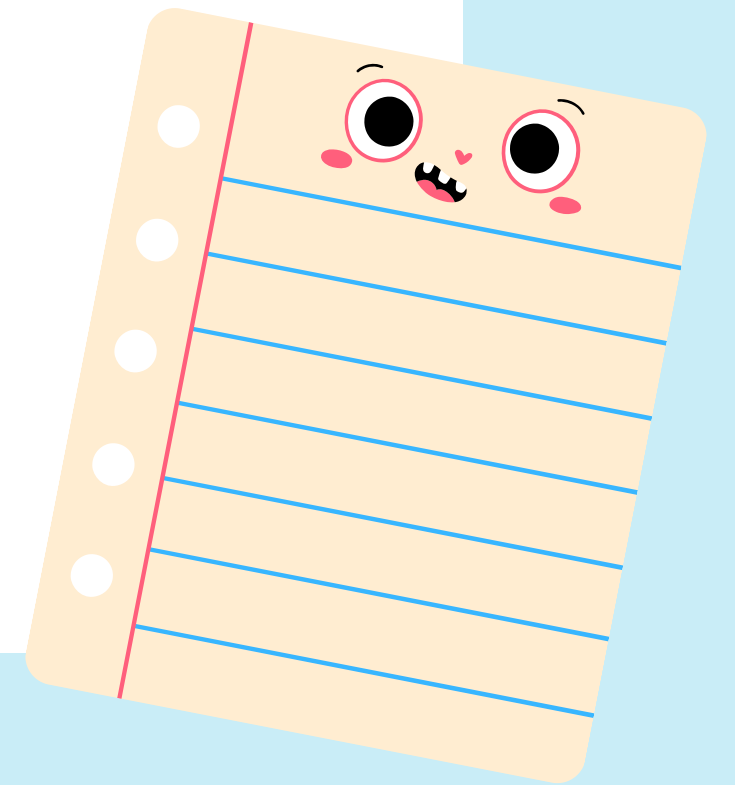
Experiences that have shaped your perspectives:

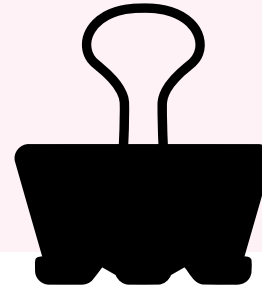
- Shadowing
- Community service/ giving back
- Personal dental experiences
- Leadership experiences
- Patient - Doctor relationship
- Oral - Systemic link
- Mentorship / Guidance



# WRITING

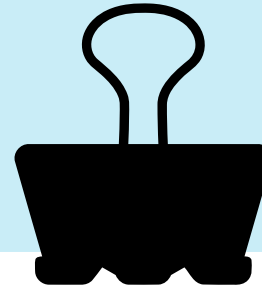
- **Intro:** Engaging anecdote.
- **Body Paragraphs:** Experiences, reflections, and connections to dentistry.
- **Conclusion:** Reinforce passion, commitment, and future goals.





# EDITING

- Lots of drafts lol :)
  - Don't delete old versions, you might want to get something back
- Use resources!!!
  - FIU Writing Center
- Grammar and Spelling
- Don't blindly accept suggestions!!!

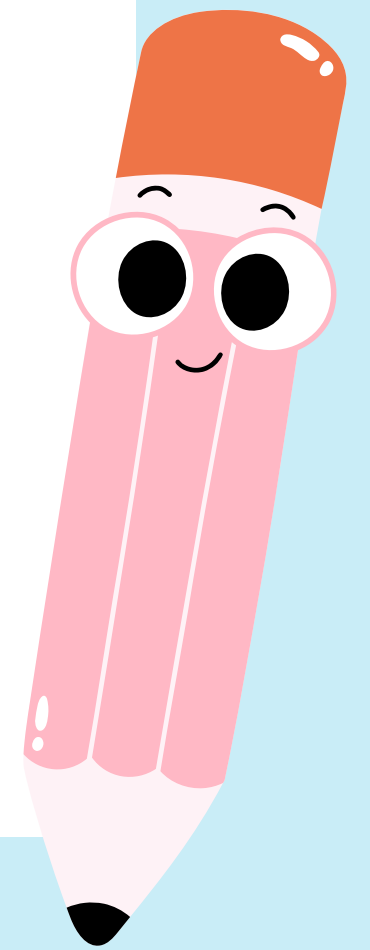


## TIPS

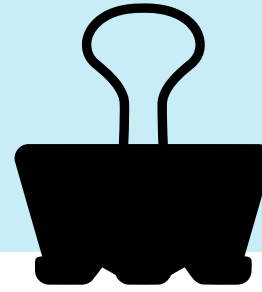
- Show don't tell. Demonstrate your character through examples.

✗ **Tell:** My aunt inspired me to pursue dentistry.

✓ **Show:** I watched as my aunt greeted each patient not just with a handshake, but with a warm embrace. A farmer handed her a basket of fresh mangoes as payment, and she laughed, tucking them into her bag before preparing his treatment.

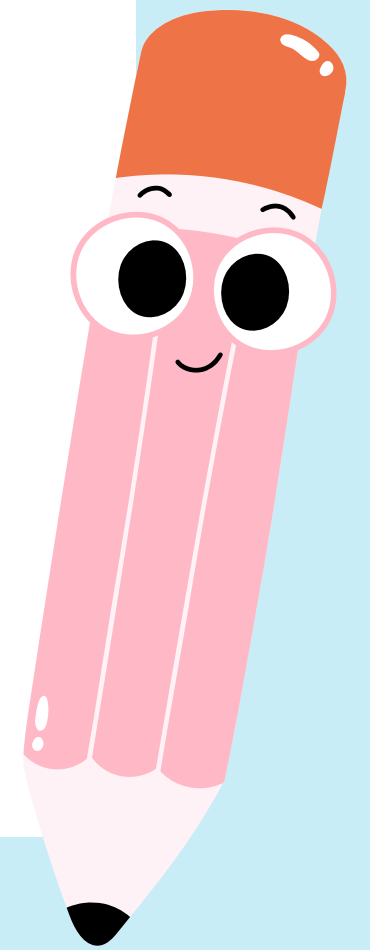


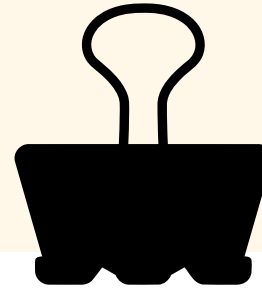




## TIPS

- How you will contribute to your class and future in the field.
- “Don’t mention specializing”
- Don’t fixate on character count
- Don’t share your personal statement during the cycle





# THINGS TO AVOID

- Putting it off.
- Cliches.
- Obtaining too many opinions.
- Big/ fancy words.
- Negative experiences.
- Speaking poorly about other professions.
- Don't restate your resume.
- No conjugations or abbreviations.
- Listing achievements or qualities.





QUESTIONS?



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