



Answering the questions below should give you most of the content needed for your personal statement.

**Why do you want to be a teacher?**

- How did you develop an interest in teaching?
- What have you learned from any relevant experience?
  - ✓ Show that you know what is involved in this work

**What will you bring to the job?**

- Show that you have these skills needed to be a good teacher and give examples...
- Committed / motivated
- Enthusiastic / Resilient
- People / team-working skills
- Good communication skills
- Organised
- Different
- Knowledge of subject / interest in the curriculum

**Key strengths / weaknesses of the second level school you attended? (Trinity College (PME Post-Primary) ask this question – think about *what was good about the school and why and what didn't work so well and why...in answering show an awareness of the skills / environment etc. that works best for teaching*)**

- Atmosphere ... Open / welcoming / encouraging
- Staff appear enthusiastic about their subject / working with young people
- Extracurricular activities offered
- Facilitates making friends / developing interests and skills

**Why do you want to teach your chosen subject? What do you enjoy about it?**

**Relevance of current course / subjects?**

- Why did you choose your undergrad subjects?
- Show your interest in your subject, and why you would like to teach it.

**Conclusion**

- What you will bring to the course and this career
- What challenges do you think you could face?
  - ...you are prepared to meet the challenges work hard / learn / further develop your skills

**Useful links:**

- UK - <https://www.ucas.com/postgraduate/teacher-training/apply-through-ucas-teacher-training/how-write-ucas-teacher-training-personal-statement>
- <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/students/postgraduate-study#applications>

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