



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
Francis Marion University

Supplementary Essay

A Supplemental Essay is an additional piece of writing that is required as part of the holistic admissions process of the program. Answering the essay prompt can be just as revealing and important as your personal statement because it answers three very important questions:

1. Who are you?
2. Will you contribute something of value to our campus and our program?
3. Can you write?

It is important that you plan what you are going to write before sitting down and writing. Great brainstorming is the first step toward a great essay. There are two styles of writing that we recommend you use in crafting your essay: narrative and montage.

A narrative essay is centered around a challenge or series of challenges and follows a more linear storyline.

A montage essay is a series of moments or experiences connected by a common thematic thread.

A standout essay will do three things:

1. focus on an uncommon topic,
2. make uncommon connections,
3. use uncommon language

For example, it is quite common to write about your experiences in sports and how those experiences have taught you the value of sportsmanship and hard work. However, writing about how playing basketball has shown you the importance of service, advocacy or activism, is an example of how to turn your "common" topic into an exceptional essay with unexpected connections to your values.

This kind of essay is exactly what will help your application stand out.

To obtain more Supplemental Essay Guides & Resources to assist you with crafting your essay, visit <https://www.collegeessayguy.com/supplemental-essays>

Supplementary Essay Question:

Using your own words, create a 500 – 1000 word essay describing how a personal experience or culmination of personal experiences in your life have impacted and shaped your choice to pursue a career in the field of occupational therapy.