

Admissions and Student Visa Statement of Purpose (SOP) Development Guide

Instructions: For Australian admissions and student visa application purposes, your signed and dated, handwritten SOP must be independently prepared in separate paragraphs, in your own words so you can present your unique 'story' in an honest, plausible and accurate manner. Restrict your SOP to between one or two pages in length using lightly lined paper for ease of reading by your academic admission and student visa assessing officers

Introduce yourself by stating your full name, date-of-birth and who will sponsor/finance your studies in Australia

Record brief details of your education history – from Year 10 and 12 equivalent qualifications to your highest qualification.

If applicable, describe your employment history including the name of your employers, designations you held and the duration of each job you have held.

Give honest reasons for any major gaps in your studies and/or employment history – where possible attached documentary evidence to your SOP.

Describe the specific research you conducted before you selected your specific Australian course and institution and provide the name and duration of your selected course and institution that you propose to study in Australia. Here, you should identify the skilled occupation and any professional body membership that this course will lead to.

State how your selected course is linked to your previous study and/or work experience. If there is no link, explain why you are seeking a change of discipline and therefore a career change.

If there are similar courses of the same international standing available in your home country, provide reasons for choosing to study in Australia instead. Also explain how this course will help your career prospects in your home country or in other international settings where positive employment opportunities may exist for you personally.

If you have dependents (spouse and children), please provide their names, date-of-birth and if they plan to accompany you, join you later, or remain in their home country whilst you study in Australia.

State any compelling reasons for returning to your home country once you successfully complete your selected course and after you have qualified for and taken advantage of the 2-year Post Study Work Visa – e.g. you may already have a job or a business to return to (provide evidence); you may be expected to join, re-join or take over your family's business on your return (provide evidence); you are the only child or eldest son or daughter of elderly parents who expect you to return, you have a wife/husband and/or children who will be remaining in your home country whilst you study in Australia, etc.

Provide details of any other unique case specific information that the visa assessing officers would expect you to disclose – e.g. details of previous visa refusal/s, unusual sponsorship or financial conditions, reasons for frequent overseas travel and so on - if possible attach any documentary evidence to your SOP.

Your SOP should be ended with the following statement:

I declare that the particulars given above are true and correct in every detail. I understand that incorrect or misleading statements may result in refusal of my admission and/or student visa application.

Signature *Date of Birth*

Name *Passport No.*

Date

Statement of Purpose

Introduction

With due respect, I would like to introduce myself as Rojina Lama, a permanent resident of Mirchaiya Tol 05, Karjanha, Siraha, Nepal. I was born on 13th of March, 1999 and having Passport Number 11126913. My Father name is Kiran Kumar Lama who looks after Transportation Business and my mother name is Kusum Kumari Lama who looks after our family members. Ever since my childhood, I have been a very hardworking, disciplined and creative. I love caring people in need to bring smiles on in their faces. This is the reason that I studied science with biology major in my Higher Secondary Education (10+2), which will open a door for me to enter into health sectors.

Academic Profile:

I completed my School Leaving Certificate (SLC) with 81.50% from Times School Ramnagar, Siraha, Nepal in the year 2015. I passed the National Examination Board (10+2) from Himalaya International Secondary School, Kathmandu, Nepal in 2017 with 60.90%. After completion of my 12th grade, I spent one year time preparing medical exam to publish my name in merit list for admission here in Nepal and I also gave exam on 15th September 2018 but due to limited seats in Nepal for a medical course, I could not get admission. Then I have set up my mind to study Bachelor of Nursing in Australia.

For this purpose, I did preparation of PTE and gave PTE exam on 21 December 2018 and scored overall 52 (reading 63, listening 64, writing 46 and speaking 64). After my PTE result, I spent few months doing research about Australian Institutions, Tuition fees, Location, Entry requirements for Nursing courses through Internet, Seminars, Education Fairs and Education Advisors for and finally applied at Western Sydney University to study Foundation Studies (Health) leading to Bachelor of Nursing which will commence from 4th March, 2019.

I am glad to write this Statement of Purpose (SOP) to explain my circumstances in my Home Country, the value of proposed course to my future employment prospectus, incentive and remuneration to return to home country, substantial research on current Education Provider with other Providers in Australia and other countries.

Reasons to study in Australia

Before choosing Australia as my study destination, I did my self-research through various sources like the Internet, Education Advisors, Education Seminars and seniors for finding the best option for a nursing course in most popular study destinations like USA, Canada, UK, and Australia along with my home country, Nepal. Though nursing course is offered by various providers in different countries, I came to know that Australia is one of the popular study destinations for international students and I decided to study in Australia for several valuable reasons.

Australia is a safe, multicultural and friendly society where international students can easily adjust in Australian lifestyle. Australia is the best country in the world and World Better Life Index has rated it 9.3 out of 10 for safety. Australian education system had made it third in the list of enrolling international students. Australia has the best 5 cities of the world for students on multicultural environment, affordability, and quality and employer activity. Australia offers globally recognized qualification and it's the safest for study and living environment. The Australian education system is one of the best in the world with the technological drive. Australia brings one of the best education services, facilities with strict quality standards that meet the need of the most international students. More importantly, the Nursing education in Australia is world-renowned to be practical with a primary focus on employment, which exactly fits my expectations.

Moreover, the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 is an Australian Government act that controls the delivery of international education in Australia. Similarly, the quality that is maintained under Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) ensures that the International students get the same standard of quality education like Australian does from other Universities and Educational Institutes. Laws like Tuition Protection Service (TPS) provide safeguards to international students. Australia also provides an opportunity to international students to work up to 40 hours per fortnight while they are studying there which will help students gain practical work experiences after they graduate and enhance their overall international study experience. I also found people who have studied and got their Nursing qualifications from Australia and return Nepal are in the higher positions and are being recruited by highly reputed hospitals in Nepal.

Why not study Nepal?

Before making Australia as my study destination, I also did research on various Institutions in Nepal that offer similar Nursing courses. There are only a few institutions in Nepal such as Tribhuvan University, Pokhara University, Purbanchal University and Kathmandu University that offer Nursing courses. I checked and compared their course contents, teaching quality, facility and lab for practical training, admission and examination schedule, placement and remuneration after graduation. I found due to having the limited seats for nursing courses, students like me have to wait too long to get enrolled. In addition, the education system in Nepal is based on traditional teaching and courses are focused more on theories and it lacks updated course structure, infrastructures, well-qualified lecturers and staffs, peaceful, supportive and multicultural environment.

Similarly, if I study in Nepal, I will not be able to interact and develop network with international students from all over the world. Interaction with students from different culture and nations helps me to broaden the horizon and enables me to become a global citizen. Nepal is a developing country, its' degree is not recognized globally and highly reputed hospitals do not give preference for jobs who graduate from Nepal. Education sector of Nepal especially nursing and health science need to be revised because they put more emphasis on theories instead of practical training. However, Australian education is more focused on practical training and live projects. Australian Degrees and qualifications are recognized by employers and leading educational institutions around the world. I will be afforded with a satisfactory job opportunity all over the world after studying from Australia which is not possible if in case I choose my own country, Nepal.

Why not USA & UK?

Before finalizing Australia as a study destination, I also researched the USA and UK, which are also one of the popular destinations for International students for nursing courses but these countries are not very safe to live in like Australia. Again to get admission in the US universities, I will have to give SAT exam and appearing for SAT takes more than 6 to 7 months then waiting for I-20 is time-consuming whereas in Australia only IELTS or PTE Exam is required and the process is also smooth for getting Offer Letter from Australian Universities. Similarly, it cannot be ignored that the USA is being highlighted in media

throughout the year for crimes. In America, 12 school shootings have been recorded in 2018 and most highlighted news is Parkland, Florida on 14th February whereas Australia has the least crime rate and gun control laws are strictly followed.

I also found several students' comments and review for the universities in the UK. They are in high risk of collapse due to low student enrolment and increased competition from overseas institutions. Recently many Nepalese students have returned home because of the closure of Institutions from the UK. The British government and other European government do not take the responsibility if the institutions are unable to provide education as per their agreement and unable to transfer the students in other institutions where Australian government do. As Australia has made a special scheme for students regarding international students is the Tuition Protection Scheme (TPS), which will ensure that our tuition fees are secured.

Considering all the above facts and reasons, I decided to study in Australia than home Nepal, USA & UK.

Reasons for choosing Western Sydney University (WSU)

Before I decided to choose Western Sydney University (WSU) to continue my Bachelor of Nursing program in Australia, I researched about other colleges and universities as well like Curtin University, Australian Catholic University, The University of Adelaide, The University of Technology Sydney and others but I choose Western Sydney University for several factors that are important to me such as its reputation, emphasis on practical class, vibrant and accessible location, comparatively affordable tuition fees.

Firstly, Western Sydney University is Number One Nursing School in Australia (by Centre for World University Rankings - CWUR) and in the Top 100 in the world (QS world University Ranking) it values academic excellence, integrity and the pursuit of knowledge. It also provides practical based education, which is most important for students like me.

I also found when it comes to employers, they are happy with the graduated they hired from Western Sydney University. It provides not only a degree but the practical skills and knowledge needed to get job ready. It also provides Internship and work-placements programs, unlimited opportunities to learn, travel and works in more than 300 destinations across the globe.

Similarly, I also researched about University of Adelaide which is good choice but it's more expensive than Western Sydney University tuition fee. Tuition fee for The University of Adelaide is AUD\$38,300 per year but Western Sydney University fee is only AUD \$30,480 per year. The University of Adelaide does not have campus in Sydney which is my preferred location as I have friends who will help me for accommodation and make me comfortable if stay with them.

I also researched and compared about Australia Catholic University which have affordable tuition fee but they have closed the admissions for Bachelor of Nursing for this February, 2019 and I will have to wait for next intake and I will have more education gap, so I have to decline the choice of ACU and selected Western Sydney University.

Moreover, Western Sydney University has well-equipped labs, demonstration room, computer labs well-furnished classes. Apart from all recommendation, I personally feel this institute has everything that I need to complete my course and upgrade my qualities as a professional nurse. As a nursing degree requires both theoretical and practical education side by side, it is also very important to do a detail research about the institute that provides a degree. I learned that it has some of the finest teaching staffs and experienced professors. My choice for this University is also highly influenced by the fact that this college is dedicated to providing quality education to a student like me in the field of nursing. This institute also provides their degree with affordable fee structure. It is a world-class university with international reach and a reputation for quality teaching and impact-driven research. WSU Sydney City campus is located in the center of the central business district, within walking distance of the iconic Sydney opera house and Harbor Bridge and the academic calendar also differs from other university campuses.

Understanding my Course

I have applied for University Foundation Studies (Health) leading to Bachelor of Nursing, which is relevant to my previous studies and qualification as I studied Science with biology major in my Higher Secondary Education (10+2).

From my personal research, I have found that Nursing is a challenging profession but unquestionably rewarding. I chose this field so that I can use the knowledge and skills working directly with the people to reduce their health problems suffering, provide love, care, support, counseling for well being and bring positive changes in their life, society, country and the world. Not only

individuals, but also we can make an impact on communities by providing healthcare in a variety of forms. Besides this, Nursing is a highly demanding profession with endless opportunities and is the most respectful job in the world.

My first course is Foundation Studies in (Health Science) which is a foundation course before I start Bachelor of Nursing. In this course, I will study about the language of Health Science, verbal and written materials, Communication with patients and their relatives, how to deal with issues in the health professions along with critical thinking and problem-solving techniques.

After completing of Foundation Studies, I will study Bachelor of Nursing from Western Sydney University, which is Number One Nursing School in Australia (by Centre for World University Rankings- CWUR). This degree has also accreditation and approval from the Nurses and Midwives Board Australia which will make eligible to apply for registration as a registered nurse in Australia after my graduation. This course from Western Sydney University will develop my clinical skills in best ways to care for individuals, families and groups from diverse backgrounds placing me in a range of real-world health and community settings, including aged-care facilities, hospitals and community health teams. Bachelor of Nursing at Western Sydney University is a 3-year course of 240 credit points that includes following courses units. (Source: <http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au>)

First Year:

Professional Practice Experience 1
Primary Health Care in Action
Bioscience 1
Professional Communication in Nursing
Professional Practice Experience 2
Human Relationships and Life Transitions
Bioscience 2
Approaches to Professional Nursing Practice

Second Year

Professional Practice Experience 3
Health in a Culturally Diverse Community
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
Health Variations 1 -Perioperative
Research Principles for Nursing and Midwifery
Professional Practice Experience 4

Promoting Mental Health and Wellbeing 1
Health Variations 2 - Chronic Illness and Disability
Health Variations 3 - Acute Exacerbations of Chronic Conditions

Third Year

Professional Practice Experience 5
Promoting Mental Health and Wellbeing 2
Health Variations 4 - Acute Life of Threatening Conditions
Health Variations 5 - Palliative and End of Life Care
Professional Practice Experience 6
Being a Professional Nurse or Midwife
Clinical Leadership and Professional Relationship in Nursing and Midwifery
And one elective

Studying such subjects such as Human Biological Science, Health and Wellbeing, Indigenous Health and Culture, Evidence for Practice, Health Care Ethics, Introduction to Australian Nursing Practice, Transition into Nursing, Building Healthy Communities, Principles of Nursing, Clinical Leadership, Integrating Practice etc. will develop me the skills and knowledge to be proactive and adaptable, competent and ethical clinician, and creative and critical thinker.

Across the course, the theory will be consistently embedded in clinical practice through the inclusion of one Integrating Practice unit every semester. Clinical placement areas include aged care, community nursing, high dependency nursing, medical/surgical nursing, mental health, pediatrics, palliative care, and preoperative Nursing. Completion of this course will prepare me to enter the health care industry to work as a registered nurse.

Future Plans

After the completion of my course from Australia, I will return to my home country with the outstanding skills and knowledge to fulfill my dreams. In context of Nepal, there is abundant scope of Nursing but what we lack is skilled manpower working into this field. Similarly there is lack of quality health care services, health education, knowledge and health practices in most of the areas of my country. Having an international degree would offer better career opportunities in the future. Receiving the world class education from Australia will give skills and knowledge relating how to handle critical situation, critical problem-solving skills, and skills to work independently and within a team environment. I am sure with internationally recognized qualification; I can

work as a registered nurse in the reputed hospital of Nepal such as Grande international hospital, Norvic international hospital, TU teaching hospital, Bir hospital with well paid salary of NPR. 70,000 to 80,000 per month and I will return my investment in 5 to 7 years after I start working in Nepal.

Besides, I would love to pass on the techniques, skills that I would acquire in Australia to the youngsters of my country who are always responsible to change health sectors and develop the nation. I would also myself travel all across my nation and provide free health services to the least and under developed area in the far western as well as central Terai (plain region of Nepal) where a patient rarely finds medication that leads to thousands of unlikely death in the country. It is the prominent factor that I would love to return to my country that has made me capable to choose what is best for me currently.

MY SPONSORS

When I discuss my plan with my parents for pursuing my higher education in Australia, they got very happy and positive with my decision. My family members are financially sound to invest in my education that includes tuition fee, living cost, OSHC and travel expenses. My father Mr. Kiran Kumar Lama has saved for my higher education. He has maintained a saving account in Everest Bank Limited and has savings of NPR. 50,50,600 (AUD\$59,905.11). He receives stable income from transportation business and land lease rental. Altogether, he has annual income of NPR 19, 80,000.

My parents are very aware of all of my expenses in Australia during my stay and study. Tuition fee for Year 1 AUD\$ 30,480, Living Cost per year: AUD\$ 20,290 (as per DHA website) Travel Expenses: AUD\$ 2,000

Total funds required by DHA (www.homeaffairs.gov.au) is AUD\$52,770 and available funds AUD\$59,905.11 which is sufficient to cover all my expenses. Thus, my family will bear all the expenses during my stay in Australia.

Reasons to return back to my country

Since my childhood, I have learned from my parents that I should always have respect towards motherland. As a citizen of my country, it is my responsibility to do something better for my country and its people. My family, relatives, and friends reside in Nepal and I cannot think about living away from my parents,

near and dear ones forever and I won't have family life there in Australia. I do have a huge responsibility towards my parents. They have supported me and motivated me in my every decision. My family is my pride and I would surely come back with a determination to make them proud after completion of my study from Australia.

VISA conditions

Lastly I would like to assure that I am well aware of the obligations of Student Visa Sub Class 500, Legal work permit hours, Visa Conditions, Post Study Work Rights of Australia.

- I need to maintain minimum 80% of attendance
- I am allowed to work 40hrs per fortnight
- I need to clear 50% of subjects in each term
- I cannot change the university for 6 months upon enrollment
- I need to maintain health insurance until I remain in Australia
- I must notify to University/DIBP within 7 days if I change the address/contact details.

I would like to assure you that I am prepared to start a new journey in Australia. I believe that my investment of time, effort and money will certainly bring me a rewarding career in the nursing field. Being a dedicated student, I assure you that I will finish my intended course in proper time with better grades and will come back to my country for achieving my future goals.

I will be grateful if you could grant me this opportunity to do my further study in Australia, experience new things in life and start a successful career.

Thanking you

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