

**Essays/personal statements are required only for the following programs:**

**Aboriginal Culture and Language support diploma**

A personal statement (see Social Services diploma requirements)

**Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice**

A 300- to 500- word statement articulating your personal strengths and weaknesses and interest in criminal justice and complete names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three people (non-relatives) who will be willing to provide a comprehensive personal reference.

**Bachelor of Business Administration – Trades entry option only (as of Fall 2012 intake this is not required)**

A 500 word essay indicating:

- Why do you want to obtain a BBA?
- What kinds of life/work experiences have you had that have contributed to this decision?
- What experiences have you had that prepare you for the BBA?

**Bachelor of Kinesiology – required only for students applying directly following high school**

A 500-1000 word essay that addresses the following:

- Why are you interested in a career in Kinesiology or Physical Education?
- What have you done to prepare for university?
- Why are you uniquely suited to our program?

**Bachelor of Social Work**

A personal statement, typed and double spaced, approximately 800 to 1,000 words in length, clearly addressing the following questions:

1. Why do you want to become a social worker?
2. What kinds of life/work experience have you had that is contributing to this decision?
3. What experiences have you had that prepare for social work in a culturally diverse environment?
4. What do you see as the most pressing social problem or issue facing Canadian society? Why?

**Community Support Worker**

A personal statement indicating why you want to enter the program and what has brought you to this career choice. Please refer to the kinds of experiences you have had in this field, either paid or volunteer. This should be not less than 250 words and not more than 500 words.

**Library Information Technology diploma – students applying under the Mature student entry only**

If you are applying to enter the program as a “mature” student who is without B.C. secondary school graduation or equivalent, please describe your experience and qualification for library and/or information work. Statements should be at least 250 to a maximum of 500 words.

**Social Services diploma**

A personal statement indicating why you want to enter the program and what has brought you to this career choice. Please refer to the kinds of experiences you have had in this field, either paid or volunteer. This should be not less than 250 words and not more than 500 words.

**Substance Abuse Counselling Certificate**

A statement of why you want to enter the program and what has brought you to make this career choice. Please refer to the kinds of experiences you have had in this field, either paid or volunteer.