### Pre-Professional Personal Statement Workshop Series

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Ask yourself . . .

What motivates you to pursue your chosen profession?

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Why are you applying to graduate/professional school?

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Did you have an “ah-ha moment” when you realized your goal? How do you know this is the right path?

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What values or traits do you have that align with this profession well? What skills or strengths do you possess that will make you a successful professional?

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What is unique or distinctive about your life story? What details (challenges, people, or events) can help the committee to understand you?

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How can you contribute to your classmates in this program? How have you contributed in past classroom environments?

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What are the most compelling reasons you can give to be considered for admission?

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When and why did you become interested in this field? What have you learned about this field, and how?

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Where do you see yourself in the field in 5-10 years? What are your career goals?

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What has been your favorite part of undergrad/recent life experiences? How has it shaped your decisions to apply to this program?

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Instructions

1. Answer some of these questions to start reflecting on things that make you unique and that you’d want to share with an admissions committee.

2. Don’t forget to include specific examples while answering the questions.

3. Use the back side of this sheet to highlight impactful experiences such as personal stories, coursework, volunteering, shadowing, working part-time jobs, etc.

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