

The PA Life - PA School Reapplicant Personal Statement Revision Checklist

1. _____ **Get input from outside sources.** Have them identify strengths and weaknesses in your essay.
2. _____ **Rewrite your introduction.** There are lots of options for [opening your essay](#). Try for a new theme (AKA reason for why PA) or a new story about a patient or PA encounter that shifted or enlightened your perspective related to one of your reasons for why PA.
3. _____ **Revise the details that have changed from your last application.** If you focused on improving your application over the previous year(s), highlight your purposeful choices like starting in a new role, volunteering, and gaining more shadowing. You don't have to say, "Since last applying..." because if you're applying to new schools, it may work against you to note you've been rejected before. But you can say, "In the last year..."
4. _____ **Write a new patient story.** These will be memorable and hard to let go of, but it's important to show that you continue to make significant connections with patients.
5. _____ **Write a new conclusion.** If you updated the opening, be sure to connect the new opening to the conclusion. Summarize the main points of your essay, reiterating your why PA. End strong with a vision for your future career as a PA that identifies what quality of care you want to provide, to whom, and for what purpose!
6. _____ **Update your writing style/language.** Aside from the sections mentioned above, the remainder of your essay likely won't change much, but you can and should update the writing style and language to look fresh. Consider trimming down your back story to tell how you got interested in medicine. Change up your topic and conclusion sentences. Adjust sentence structures. This will give your essay a fully dusted-off feel!

There you have it, your personal statement is ready for its next dance!

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