

# Application essay rubric

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<b>Why did you choose to apply to this program?</b>	unclear how the program will fit with goals or will help the student explore options.		makes some connections between program and goals or how it will be used to explore options.		makes clear connections between program and goals or how it will be used to explore options.
<b>Is there a specific health problem you would like to learn about or help address?</b>	no specific examples of a field/topic.		Some description of interest in a field but without specific rationale		clear example of a field of interest with supporting information
<b>What personal/technical skills will you bring that you think will enhance the immersive research experience?</b>	no specific examples given, or unclear or vague connections between transferable skills and experiences to date and how those might fit with an internship.		at least one specific example and some detail and connections between transferable skills and experiences to date and how those might fit with an internship.		at least two examples of clearly identified transferable skills and experiences gained to date and how those fit with an internship.
<b>What are your career aspirations and how do you think this program can help you achieve them</b>	does not express interest in transfer enrollment, a specific career path, or interest in exploring career options through the program. No connection between program and goals.		some interest in transfer enrollment, a career path, and/or still exploring options. Unclear connection between program, goals, and exploration of careers.		strong interest in transfer enrollment or a particular career path and/or has identified some option(s) to explore in depth. Clear connection between program, goals, and exploration of career options.
<b>How have your lived experiences contributed to your interest in the program?</b>	no specific examples given		at least one specific example but details not clearly presented linking to the program		clear connection between a past experience and the program
<b>What else do you plan to do during your time at Ivy Tech to help explore career options and gain transferrable skills? Why are those activities on your radar?</b>	no specific examples given, or unclear or no plans for other experiences and exploration.		at least one specific example of other opportunities for exploration or gaining experience. Vague plan or unable to specify next steps.		at least two specific examples and includes how other experiences fit into the bigger plans, exploration of options, and/or next career steps.
<b>Completeness</b>	responses very brief		goes into some detail, could give more.		thoughtfully considered responses to questions.
<b>Overall Impression</b>	Appears to have put minimal effort or didn't put much thought into the application.		Some effort visible, seems to have an idea of what they want to do but may not always be able to articulate.		Appears to have spent time preparing the application and responses. Has clearly considered goals, plans, how this program helps.