School of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences
Instructions for the personal video statement submission for Master of Dietetics applications

Applicants' video submissions should aim to demonstrate:

a) Explanations related to lifelong learning (a core value of the dietetics profession) including links to careers goals and planning and an ongoing interest in the dietetics profession.

b) Discussion of key skills, knowledge and attributes including examples/evidence which are relevant to successful participation and completion of the MDiet course.

c) Clear and professional communication with appropriate verbal language.

Practicalities

- Applicants have the opportunity to present on video for up to three minutes, but all of this time does not have to be used – presenting succinctly is more important than filling three minutes (assessors will not view the presentation beyond three minutes).

- There is no required set up or format, other than to answer the questions listed below in no more than 3 minutes.

- Assessment of technical skills, beyond your ability to convey the information clearly will not occur (i.e. it is not necessary to provide a cinematographic presentation, but it is essential that you communicate in person on camera).

- The personal video statement submission is required so as to offer the opportunity for applicants to demonstrate the above listed themes (points a, b & c) as well as inter-personal skills which are important throughout the course and when undertaking dietetics placements.

You must submit a word document with your application via the applicant portal that contains the web link (URL) and password to your video. It is suggested that uploading of the video occurs on YouTube but you may use another video hosting platform such as Vimeo if you prefer. If you have a private account it is likely you will need to supply your login and password details along with the link. It is a better option to upload your video outside of your account and password protect it.

To YouTube: Instructions are available at: https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/57924?hl=en , http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_O7iUiftbKU

*NOTE: If you video upload does not work, you may need to convert your video to MP4 format in order to upload it. There are plenty of programs which you can download to do this (and instructions are available for these online), for example, AVS video converter and Handbrake.

Questions to address in the video personal statement for Master of Dietetics

These questions provide applicants with an opportunity to reflect upon on how their lived experiences are relevant to the experience and skills required to study and practice Dietetics.

- What are the most important skills and knowledge you have developed during your undergraduate studies?
- What experience and skills do you have related to studying Dietetics at Deakin University?

These questions provide applicants with an opportunity to demonstrate an openness/willingness to work with others who are different, undertake new experiences and work in unfamiliar environments.

- What is your experience with people who are different to you?
- Describe a time when you undertook a new experience or placed yourself in an unfamiliar environment. What did you learn about yourself?

This question provides applicants with an opportunity to demonstrate their interest and commitment to the field of dietetics through their level of understanding and knowledge of the discipline.

- In what area of Dietetics would you like to work, and why?

This question provides applicants with an opportunity to provide information regarding their behaviour with respect to career planning and future contribution to the profession.

- Imagine you have completed the Master of Dietetics.
  How will you use your skills and qualification?