

## **Guidelines for Personal Statements**

Please prepare a typed personal statement of less than 800 words for each programme of study to which you are applying. Specific guidelines for each programme are given below. Your personal statement should be completed on the attached sheet clearly indicating the relevant programme of study, e.g. MI007 BA Early Childhood Care and Education. Please note that the table will expand as you type.

### **Personal Statement for MI007 (BA in Early Childhood Care & Education)**

1. Download and save the form before completing
2. Insert a photograph into the box provided
3. Please prepare a typed personal statement under the following headings:
  - Why you wish to apply for the BA ECCE programme.
  - Your knowledge and understanding of the career area in which you are interested.
  - How your educational development and achievements to date prepare you for engaging with the programme.
  - Work or other experiences, which might prove advantageous to you in pursuing this programme.
  - Personal attributes or characteristics you feel you have, which make you particularly suitable for this programme.
  - Other information relevant to your application (e.g. involvement in activities/hobbies/areas of interest).

Your personal statement should demonstrate that you have the academic skills required to participate in an undergraduate degree programme in terms of adequate writing skills and the clear structuring of your ideas. Your interest and motivation in pursuing the BA ECCE programme should be demonstrated in addition to your knowledge of future career options that you may wish to pursue.

## **Personal Statement**

**Programme of Study to which you are applying: MI007**

**CAO Number:**

**Surname:**

**Forename:**