**Personal Statement for Residency**

**Paragraph #1: What specialty have you chosen and why?**

* Why am I interested in the field I have chosen?
* What draws me to this specialty?
* What are my professional goals in the field I have chosen?

**Paragraph #2: What experiences/qualities do you have that prepare you for a residency in your chosen specialty?**

* What skills or qualities do I have that will help me succeed in a residency and beyond? (clinical skills, communication skills, experience with specific patient populations, research or teaching experience, etc.)
* What personal attributes make me well suited for or will help me succeed in this field?
* Why should a program select me?

**Paragraph #3: What are your goals in the field you have chosen or in your career?**

* What am I looking for in a residency program?
* What contributions can I make to the specialty?
* What contributions can I make to the residency program?