

College Acceptance Essay

The personal growth I hope to gain from a college education at Monroe.

The course I have chosen is a culinary arts course as among my interests are pastry making and cake decoration and I intend to make a career in the catering field, possibly specialising in patisserie. This is an area I have been interested in for some time and I am looking forward to the chance to study it in depth, trying things that I haven't done up till now, as well as honing skills that I have already acquired until I achieve professional standards and giving me chance to work as part of a team, while at the same time stretching myself individually and acquiring new skills. I want to learn about cooking of course, and am interested in its creative aspects, but also want to know how to manage a kitchen, deal with staff and customers, such things as hygiene requirements, buying and caring for stock and perhaps managing a small business, including managing the finances.

I have previous experience at college and gained 30 credits, but at that time I did not have such a clear purpose in mind, which is why I was not previously as successful as I might have been. I now have a real passion for cooking, though I expect of course to make new friends and acquaintances and improve my social skills as well as my culinary ones as I mix with people of a variety of backgrounds and opinions. The college course will be part of my process into adulthood and eventually begin my chosen career and so I expect to mature in a number of areas. My independence will increase, along with my ability to set personal goals for both my professional and private life, and my ability to make informed decisions for myself.

The skills I will learn will include those in my chosen subject, but will also include more generally applicable skills such as an increased ability to research, access and assess texts. My computer skills will be refined as will my ability to self direct my study.

I intend to join some of the college clubs and societies, perhaps including subjects and activities that I have not considered up till now. My main interests apart from cooking are art and design, but I am sure that there will be plenty of other things to do including sports and social activities. This will widen my circle beyond those studying the same courses as myself and so give my college time a better balance as well as providing the opportunity for relaxation and a total change from the norm

Having to get assignments done in time and to a suitable level will test my knowledge as well as my sense of personal responsibility, as will any work placements, but all these will be motivated by my positive attitude to the subject. I will learn new techniques and ways of doing things as well as building on skills and knowledge that I acquired earlier. I will be meeting many new tutors and other staff each of whom will be able to contribute to my education if I set myself the task of meeting their individual requirements as to the level of work expected.

I intend to get the most out of my time in college, but also to put something back in, both to the college itself and to the local community.

College life will not break my ties with home as I will be commuting to college, but it will mean changes in my priorities, my relationships and my abilities. I intend to make sure that these are positive changes.