

GATEWAY
to
COLLEGE
Application Essay

This essay will be used to help our staff learn more about you as a whole person and as a student.

Please follow the directions below. You will need to write at least 3 paragraphs

In the first paragraph of your essay, please tell us about yourself and share what you think we should know about you as a person and a student. End the first paragraph with a statement about why you are applying to the Gateway to College program, listing out your specific reasons.

In the second paragraph please provide specific details and examples for each of the reasons you provided for applying.

In the third paragraph, please explain some of your goals for the future. Feel free to share academic and career goals, personal goals are great as well. Add a sentence or two about what support you need from us to reach those goals. You may want to conclude your essay by highlighting how your application to Gateway aligns with or enhances the goals you've outlined.

When you are ready to submit your essay, please email it, as an attachment or Google document, to adam.clark3@pcc.edu.

If you have any questions or concerns about the essay or other aspects of the application process, please contact our Outreach Coordinator:

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Thank you for your interest in Gateway—we look forward to working with you!