Hello, I’m Robert Mate and I’m going to talk about the readmission essay.

The readmission essay is a very important part of the application process. It’s your opportunity to speak on your own behalf to the committee without doing it in person.

The first thing to do in preparing for the essay is to examine yourself, what went wrong, and what led to you being academically dropped from Purdue. Be honest with yourself. Carefully analyze the choices that you’ve made, the environment that you found yourself in, your study skills, and your ability to discipline yourself for academic success.

Once you’ve reflected on what has happened, you can move to the essay portion.

There are four parts to the essay. The first part is: What were the factors that contributed to your drop status at Purdue? Be open and honest with your responses.

The second part of the essay asks you what you will do differently in order to assure academic success if you are readmitted. State the concrete things that you will do differently. For example, if time management was a factor explain that to the committee and what you will do differently. If you are taking classes, this is a good time to explain to the committee the improvements that you are making in your course work.

The third part of the essay asks you to identify which school or college and major you are considering for readmission. You may have a strong sense of the major that you want. If so, convey that to the committee.

The last part of the essay asks you to write about the insights that you may have had gained since being dropped. The committee is interested in getting some indication of how you’ve personally grown and how you, in the end, will better yourself because of it.

The operative word in this essay is to be concise. Give enough information to tell a clear story while avoiding unnecessary details.

Remember, this is your opportunity to shine. Make sure every word counts. Ask a family member or friend to give you feedback if you’d like.

Thank you and please be sure to watch all the videos in the series before submitting your application.

Readmission Web Site, www.purdue.edu/readmission