

# Initial Reflection Paper

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Reflection is an important component of development, particularly in our profession. In this paper, you will think and write about yourself in relation to student affairs. Please integrate your answers to all of the questions below in a personal narrative. The length of this paper should at least be five pages, but fewer than ten. Keep in mind that, at the end of the semester, you will be writing a mid-year evaluation using this paper as a reference point. This activity is due **Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm** in the Angel drop box.

This activity's learning objectives require you to:

- Examine your current role in learning
- Articulate future personal and career goals
- Appraise individual strengths and areas of improvement
- Analyze personal interests in student affairs

The questions to answer:

What are you good at doing/What excites you?

What would you like to improve about yourself?

Describe your personality.

What are your short-term and long-term goals?

Where are your interests in student affairs?

In which areas of student affairs would you like to learn more?

What does not interest you? Which areas? Why? (These are distinct, yet related questions. Please answer them accordingly.)

What does it mean to be student affairs professional?