

# Roberts Wesleyan College

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## Non-Traditional Undergraduate Program ~ Application Essay

The degree completion programs at Roberts Wesleyan College require a considerable amount of writing, which must be done in accordance with college-level writing standards. Since grades are based primarily on written assignments, admission to the program is predicated, in part, on the evaluation of your Application Essay.

### ASSIGNMENT

In *Adults as Learners* (1988), noted scholar K. Patricia Cross concludes: “The answer to the question of why adults participate in learning activities will probably never be answered by any simple formula. Motives differ for different groups of learners, at different stages of life, and most individuals have not one but multiple reasons for learning” (p. 97).

**In an essay of approximately 500 words (no more than two pages), reflect upon your reasons for wanting to embark on a new venture in learning at this time in your life, following the guidelines below:**

- Respond to the assignment in standard written English
- The paper should be double-spaced, using 12-point font (typically Times New Roman), with one-inch margins on all sides
- Submit your essay in hard copy or as a Word document attachment e-mailed to the Admissions Coordinator
- Include your signature at the end of your essay. (The Admissions Council will consider your name, **either handwritten or typed at the end of your essay**, to be verification that you are the sole author.)

*Evaluation of the essay may identify a need for participation in the remedial writing workshop prior to the start of the program.*

Your essay will be evaluated in the following areas:

- Response which speaks to the topic
- Clear and coherent organization using basic essay format, including introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion
- Correct and effective use of sentence structure, grammar, and mechanics
- Evidence of proofreading and editing

[NOTE: While successful completion of the Application Essay is a requirement for admission to Roberts Wesleyan College, it does not guarantee admission to, or successful completion of, the degree program.]

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