**Statement Of Purpose**

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Course Chosen:

* Certificate IV in Commercial Cookery
* Diploma of Hospitality Management

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**Background and Current Status**

I am glad for this opportunity; it is with honest gratification that I am writing my brief statement of purpose delineating the reason I have chosen Queensford College, Adelaide to complete my further studies in Certificate IV in Commercial Cookery leading to Diploma of Hospitality Management. This course is very relevant these days and in my hometown is satisfactory to me because these qualifications are of excellent value and give an excellent exit result for my future efforts. This statement shows how Quessford College will help me achieve success in my future career and educational plan for the development of my personal, professional and employability skills in leadership. The education that I will obtain in the coming years will indeed be the most important part of my life. Therefore, I study, work hard, and do my best. Also, I have mentioned my motives: to return to my homeland on time and achieve my career goals with the skills and knowledge that I have learned from, and to contribute to the safety of the future of my family, myself, and the improvement of my country.

**Introduction**

Born on 17 October 2001 AD as son of Mr. Haku Bahadur Shrestha and Mrs. Basanti Shrestha. My permanent address is Sindhupalchok, Tauthali Nepal. Currently, my entire family is residing in Kapan, Kathmandu. There are four members in my family, they are my father, mother, elder brother, and myself. My father is the C.E.O of Hardware named Tribhigana Sub-remittance & Investment Pvt. Ltd. and earned a salary of NRs 7,15,000.00 in annual year. My brother is an Accountant of Finance named Rupees Saving & Credit Co-operative.Ltd. and earned a salary of NRs 4,55,000.00 in the annual year. They have been supporting me in my studies and are more than willing to sponsor me for my stay and study in Australia. I get a lot of motivation from my family to keep moving forward in life and to progress.

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**Academic Background and Gap Explanation**

Regarding my academic qualification, I completed my secondary level education from Boudha Children Heaven Boarding School securing 3.15 GPA in 2018 and completed my School Leaving Certificate Examination (Grade VII) from Reliance International School, Sarswatinagar, Kathmandu by securing 3.02 GPA in Hotel Management faculty in the year of 2020 as I had interest in Hospitality from the beginning. After that I worked as a kitchen helper from 20 may 2020 till 15 march 2022 in the Studio Café located in Ramhiti, Boudha.

After that I joined Pearson Test of English (PTE) classes and I took my exam on 24 Feb 2022 regarding my language proficiency test examination and score 55 overall.

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| Listening | Reading | Speaking | Writing |
| 51 | 55 | 56 | 58 |

**Reasons for choosing Australia**

For the international students, Australia is presently the most well-liked destination in the English-speaking world. Main thing is that extraordinary level of education, friendly natives, cultural diversity, post-study work opportunities and outstanding quality of living. Australia is a secure country with low crime rate and a safe lifestyle that makes it trouble-free to achieve a work-life balance. There is a part time job for international students to gain work experience and work while studying. This helps in making new connections at the base level and helps in networking at a higher stage.

Australia is always open to hire students who graduate from their universities because they are trained to be work ready and hence, job opportunities are available widely in public and private spheres. Australia is beautiful, spectacular landscapes, vibrant regional centres, and professional culture that allows me the time to enjoy them. There are also dramatic mountain ranges, bubblegum pink lakes, and tropical islands filled with unique wildlife. I like natural beauty places. There are amazing opportunities for anyone who are interested for adventure like hiking, mountaineering, water sports, etc. Australian beaches are attractive and traveler friendly.

Australia promotes innovation, creativity and independent thinking throughout its colleges and universities. International students who study and live in Australia soon find that their education is challenging, fun and rewarding. As an international student in Australia, I can expect to live, grow, and learn in a young, friendly country. Australia has a warm temperature climate condition; multicultural student population and college entry requirements are easier than other countries such as UK, USA, and Canada. It has affordable living expenses and tuition fees.

Furthermore, Australia has a special health insurance coverage for international students called Overseas student Health Cover (OSHC). It helps international students to meet the costs of medical and hospital care they may want while in Australia. Australian Government Department of Education and Training assures Education service for Overseas Students Act 2000 (ESOS) with the legislative framework for oversea students. In addition, the Australian Qualification Framework ensures the course structure and curriculum are up to date. I could not find such other options in other overseas countries with all these services and facilities. Hence, I decided to study in Australia.

**Why not Nepal?**

Regarding higher studies, my country's education systems have many flaws. One of the biggest drawbacks of my country's education is that it does not correspond to the global education standard. There are only a handful of universities in Nepal, ten to be exact viz Tribhuwan University (TU), Kathmandu University (KU), Pokhara University (PU), Purbanchal University (PU), Nepal Sankrit University (NSU), Far- Western University (FU), Agriculture and Forestry University (AFU), Mid- Western University (MU), Nepal Open University (NOU) and Lumbini Bouddha University (LBU). All these mentioned Universities have same text materials, books basic education, outdated learning materials and methods that will not prepare the students skillful manpower and expert in concern field. So, in my opinion, not continuing my further studies in my country is because of my country's education system, which is outdated and bookish, following outdated books and the same exam techniques. There is a lot of recent information that needs to be highlighted for today's students, but progress in Nepal is terribly slow compared to internationally. Our syllabus has not been updated for a long time.

In the context of Nepal, we are facing the following problems in education system:

1. Political influences.
2. There is a lack of fusion between pedagogy and content.
3. Traditional method of teaching learning activities.
4. Less technology use.
5. Teaching lessons are based on only textbooks.
6. Ignorance of excellent manpower.
7. The curriculum is not updated depending on the changing situation.
8. Needless emphasis on Sigle faculties.
9. Policies are based on the interest of donors.

Education in Australia, where courses are designed to give more practical knowledge and understanding on the subject through loads of assignments and self- learning styles.

**Why not other Countries?**

According to my research, for international students Australia is more Affordable in terms of fee structures than those of the other countries like USA, UK, Canada, and other European countries. Because of some demerits of other countries, it has made me easier to take decisions to choose Australia. Some drawbacks of other countries are below:

USA

* Tuition fees and living expenses are high and expensive in the USA which includes food, accommodation, clothes, and other expenses.
* We must also do pre-enrollment examinations like SAT beside PTE and Ilet's. It is also hard to time consuming.
* Because of racism and high crime rate.

Canada

* Temperature of Canada falls below –20 degree with extreme wind in winter and I cannot adjust myself in that much cold environment.
* It takes a long time for admission to the chosen course.

UK

* Finding housing in the UK is not easy, especially where popular universities are located.
* UK does not provide Post Study Work (PSW), so international students cannot get international work experience.

European Countries

* Language barrier is the main reason for not applying in European Countries like Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, etc. It is hard to learn their native language.

Most countries provide direct Bachelor’s Degree with four years and three years which are academic oriented, even if they provide Diploma course, they hardly provide credit to pursue the Bachelor’s in the same course. Nonetheless, Australia provides the Skill oriented courses like Diploma and Advance Diploma that enables the students with skillful for the professional career and if they want, they can continue the same course of field with Bachelor's Degree as well. So, for the international students the Australian education system is flexible. Overall, according to all these problems and difficulties I have decided Australia is best destination for me.

**Reasons for choosing Adelaide**

Adelaide is a peaceful city that gives me the atmosphere of my place at home. It is a long city between beaches and hills, a gateway to mountains, deserts, and vineyards. It is a friendly city full of parks, affordable healthy food, and sunshine. A city where it is possible to have a delightful life on a small budget. I am also a coffee lover where it is known as a city with great coffee. There are lots of green spaces, flocks of parrots in the trees, and I can get around happily. Adelaide climate is nice warm for 9 months of the year and even the winters are milder. Adelaideans are also nicer, they are less competitive and friendlier in nature. Adelaide is safe because there are fewer extreme people living there, less drug use, less rage on the road and less violence, while all this leads to feelings less stressed, more relaxed and happier. The roads are safe to cycle and drive smoothly. Nevertheless, the best way to save on public transport in Adelaide is to use a student MetroCard. Inexpensive public transport.

I want to study in Adelaide because it is less crowded and the cost of living is low compared to other popular cities like Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane. Adelaide is the most affordable city. Adelaide is up to 12% more affordable to live in than other major Australian cities and has the lowest average rent in the country. The city offers international students many opportunities to participate in internships and part-time jobs while studying in Adelaide. Students who graduated from Adeliade University are often in high demand because of the university's strong reputation worldwide. They develop their own views, unique voices and practical research skills that can be a great asset to any company.

**Why Queensford College**

After choosing Certificate IV in commercial Cookery leading to Diploma of hospitality as my course, selecting a suitable college for my study was a tough task. With the help of the consultancy that I joined, my friends and the research I did, I came to choose Queensford College. I found Queensford College to be a professional college offering a variety of courses for both local and foreign students with satisfactory results. Also due to its suitable environment, facilities, the professional educators, and its location I chose this College.

Queensford College is one of the Registered Training Organizations (RTO ID: 31736) in Australia with a CRICOS Provider status (CRICOS ID: 03010G) eligible to enroll and train International Students. As much as I know Queensford College nurtures their students to become globally competency with the help of highly intellectual and reliable staff & trainers who are professionally qualified, experienced and educators. Every tool and the methods used while teaching is advanced and believed to provide the best experience to the students. The fee structure of Queensford College is also affordable for every kind of student.

I trust that while leaving Queensford College after my course is complete, I won't have to return empty or with only a sheet of paper as a degree certificate, I will return a lot of knowledge, skills, or experience of different sectors in Hospitality. As Queensford college fulfill all the requirements or expectation I have like; location, suitable weather, environments, Professional trainer or educator, advanced methods & tools of Training, suitable & affordable tuitions fees I think Queensford College is the one I want to continue my further study with.

**Why not other college**

After doing a lot of research on colleges that offered certificate IV in Commerical Cookery leading to diploma of hospitality and taking some criteria in consideration I came to choose QF. This was not an easy task as there were also a lot of good colleges in the area of Adelaide that offered the same course, had a decent reputation, and provided opportunities for students to grow. Among the list I had made of such colleges regarding their course and fee structure, its environment and facilities offered after a lot of consideration I found Queensford College to be the better choice for me to start my journey for further study.

**Why Vocational Education and Training (VET)**

I have chosen Vocational Education (VET) as it gives emphasis on practical skills rather than theory and analysis. As VET also requires “off the job” training it will help me gain hands on experiences from the training. So, VET is a better choice for me as I prefer to get straight into real life work scenarios.

Vet focuses on practical skill & knowledge that will help me to enter the workforce for the first time (either in Australia or in my home country, rejoin the workforce after a break, develop, update, and improve my skills in my chosen field, have up-to-date skills so I can easily move into a different career.

**Reasons for choosing Hospitality Management (Certificate IV and Diploma of Hospitality Management)**

Hospitality and commercial cooking as a career are guaranteed because hospitality as an industry can never decline and never end. Being born in a country like Nepal, where tourism is one of the primary sources of the economy, I fell in love with the career in the hospitality industry. To realize my dreams and visions of having hotel or a resort of my own for the tourist in Nepal, I need a strong educational background along with the experience in related field. The Certificate IV in commercial cooking and diploma in hospitality management will provide lifelong learning skills creativity and cultural competencies along with communication skills. Therefore, I have chosen this course with the belief it can be very decisive in career development and achieving my aim.

The hospitality career has flourished greatly at present. Since my childhood, I have seen and been with different people engaged in the hospitality business. This may be the main reason for my interest in the subject. I've always wanted to do something in this area in the future because I've always found this business world too exciting where we can meet different people from different backgrounds and organize and manage events. Therefore, after school I decided to study hospitality and management. There is a high demand for professional cooks who can manage their kitchen, manage, and train staff, help and plan to develop new dishes while ensuring high hygiene and health standards in accordance with appropriate rules and regulations.

Because of COVID-19, people are stressed and deceived because they have been at home for more than a year. They had nothing to do other than listen to the news or sit at home. As the pandemic is getting little slow the national tourist has started visiting the various places of Nepal. The scope of commercial cooking and hospitality management is one of the main destinations and is increasing. Nepal is one of the multi-cultural countries it is rich in its natural resources, people, religion, tradition, and culture. It is regarded as the main tourist destination around the world and it is only beginning to get exposure for the people around the world. Thus, this subject has massive scope in my country. It would be my privilege to develop my career in this field, with a well-known degree that is recognized worldwide.

When I become a qualified chef, I can bring my culinary call to various food sectors, including restaurants, hotels, casinos, resorts, hospitals, schools, or business facilities that require cooking and catering.

Main is that I am inspired by **Chef Santosh Shah**. He is also from Nepal. He had really struggled hard for his career and he achieved it.

**“You inspire others by learning, not teaching,” - Santosh Shah**

**Certificate IV in Commercial Cookery**

This qualification reflects the role of the kitchen and the team's leading role in the kitchen. The course is 78 weeks (about 1 and a half years) with 33 units, 26 of which is core units, 7 elective units. Where I will study courses like:

**Unit Code Unit Title**

SITXFSA001 Use hygienic practices for food safety

SITXFSA002 Participate in safe food handling practices

SITXINV002 Maintain the quality of perishable items

SITXHRM001 Coach others in job skills

SITHCCC001 Use food preparation equipment

SITHCCC005 Prepare dishes using basic methods of cookery

SITHCCC006 Prepare appetisers and salads

SITHCCC007 Prepare stocks, sauces and soups

SITHCCC008 Prepare vegetable, fruit, egg and farinaceous dishes

SITHCCC012 Prepare poultry dishes

SITHCCC014 Prepare meat dishes

SITHCCC013 Prepare seafood dishes

SITHCCC018 Prepare food to meet special dietary requirements

SITHPAT006 Produce Desserts

SITHCCC019 Produce cakes, pastries and breads

SITHKOP004 Develop menus for special dietary requirements

SITHKOP002 Plan and cost basic menus

SITHKOP005 Coordinate cooking operations

SITHCCC020 Work effectively as a cook

BSBDIV501 Manage diversity in the workplace

BSBSUS401 Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices

SITXCOM005 Manage conflict

SITXFIN003 Manage finances within a budget

**Unit Code Unit Title**

SITXHRM003 Lead and manage people

SITXMGT001 Monitor work operations

SITXWHS003 Implement and monitor work health and safety practices

BSBSUS201 Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices

BSBWOR203 Work effectively with others

SITXWHS001 Participate in safe work practices

SITHKOP001 Clean kitchen premises and equipment

BSBITU202 Create and use spreadsheets

BSBITU301 Create and use databases

BSBITU306 Design and produce business documents

This will help me with knowledge of kitchen, floor and even management operation and maintenance.

**Career Outcomes:**

* Chef
* Chef de Partie

**Diploma of Hospitality Management**

This qualification reflects qualified senior operators who use a wide range of hospitality skills combined with industry management skills and sound knowledge to coordinate hospitality operations. They work independently, have responsibility for others, and make operational business decisions. Diploma Hospitality Management consists of 28 weeks (about 6 and a half months) in which 13 are core and 15 are elective units. I listed the units of the course:

**Unit Code Unit Title**

BSBDIV501 Manage diversity in the workplace

BSBMGT517 Manage operational plan

SITXCCS007 Enhance the customer service experience

SITXCCS008 Develop and manage quality customer service practices

SITXCOM005 Manage conflict

SITXFIN003 Manage finances within a budget

SITXFIN004 Prepare and monitor budgets

SITXGLC001 Research and comply with regulatory requirements

SITXHRM002 Roster staff

Unit Code Unit Title

SITXHRM003 Lead and manage people

SITXMGT001 Monitor work operations

SITXMGT002 Establish and conduct business relationships

SITXWHS003 Implement and monitor work health and safety practices

SITXFSA001 Use hygienic practices for food safety

SITHCCC020 Work effectively as a cook

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SITHCCC012 Prepare poultry dishes

SITHCCC013 Prepare seafood dishes

SITHCCC014 Prepare meat dishes

SITHCCC018 Prepare food to meet special dietary requirements

BSBCMM401 Make a presentation

SITXHRM004 Recruit, select and induct staff

BSBADM502 Manage meetings

SITXFSA002 Participate in safe food handling practices

This course will help us achieve our goal of becoming chefs and/or managing a restaurant. Therefore, it is appropriate for us who may want to start our own restaurants on managing the food and drink division. This allows me to complete the course within 104 weeks (about 2 years).

There are various career opportunities such as:

* Accommodation manager.
* Catering manager.
* Chef.
* Conference centre manager.
* Event manager.
* Fast food restaurant manager.
* Hotel manager.
* Public house manager.

Among which my aim is to be a professional chef in the future. This course will lead me to achieve my goal of becoming a successful entrepreneur in the future. Because of all these reasons, I have chosen this course for my further studies in Australia.

**Plan after course completion**

My passion towards the Hospitality field started from an early age, observing the versatility of hotel and culinary industry and which can be used to uplift the standard of my country. My future plan hence has been to be a well-educated and trained Chef using my expertise and modern knowledge that I will obtain from Queensford College and all the trainers from Queensford College. However, as per my best knowledge, only Diploma in Hospitality Management course and degree will not be eligible to fulfill my dream, so I need to study more to be the best of best.

After completing my course, i.e. I have decided to get a bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management.

**Scope of the course in Nepal**

Sanskrit phrase ‘Atithi Devo Bhava’ means guests are treated like God in Nepali culture. The hospitality sector embraces this way of respecting visitors as its motto. We must keep our guests happy and satisfied to manage the hospitality business.

My country Nepal known as country with the big E is well known for its hospitality &amp; Tourism Area. Hospitality Industry is one of my country's booming industries. Visitors from all over the world gather in huge quantities in Nepal for different purposes. This has made the Hospitality Industry one of the main sources of income for most of the people not only in the urban but also in the rural areas of my country. Sindhupalchok, my hometown, is a natural beauty attraction district. These days Sindhupalchok is known to be famous tourism hub next to these, district consists five mesmerizing lakes and famous tourism area like Tauthali, Tatopani, Melamchi, Panchpokhari, Nayapul (Bungee jumping) Chhipumanche, Suryakunda, Chyochyo Dada, Nailiklek, Tatopani kunda etc. some holy temples such as Palchowk Baghwati and Tripurasundari.

With the support of my family and friends I will use the modern and advanced methods that will evolved in present market to develop, preserve, and enhance employee’s competence in their jobs through improving their knowledge, skills, abilities, and other characteristics across the globe and try to provide a part of revenue to my own home land which helps to develop my country. This aspiration towards the future career and a great love and affection towards my family in Nepal always magnetized to get back to Nepal.

I decided on my course mainly because of my interest in the class, which has good opportunities and offers a wide range of work in Nepal, recognizing my country's economy. The type of practical challenges it possesses has fascinated me.

**Returning incentives**

After completing my studies in Australia, I will return to my country and start my professional journey in the cooking and hospitality management sector. Besides my career, my family is also the most important reason for me to return to my land. I was raised in a family where my parents have always fed me with the moral values and ethics of life. Growing up in such an environment will not let me stay away from them. My family was there for me through all my thick and thin. As they get older over time, I have so many responsibilities on my shoulders and it will be time for me to repay everything they have sacrificed to shape my future. I will take over my family’s legacy and take care of their belongings with their blessings and guidance. I believe I can make a difference with a degree and a mind full of creativity. Also, I will be enhancing my professional career in the cookery and hospitality management field after I return to my homeland.

So, I will come back with this motive and settle in Nepal. It is easy to accept my own culture as absolute but living in another country can help inform my point of view on my home culture, not just accept those defined by where I can develop my own views. I will also be able to speed up the transition to becoming a better adult by jumping into the unknown. Also, one of the ultimate reasons to study abroad is to gain life experience. I will learn how to organize my life and condense it into a suitcase, deal with unforeseen situations, and be independent and self-sufficient. It is important to accept that my post- study life will be different from my pre-study life. When I leave the house, I won't be the same person. Being having many exciting and transformative experiences and will return with more open mind, as well as innovative ideas about my life, education, and future. This is a good thing that I will be ready to take these changes in myself. Back in my home country with an international degree and combined with international internships and work experience, I will give me an additional job advantage that makes me more employable. I have already explained how the education from Australia will help me get a good job in my home country in the companies I have mentioned above.

**Future Career Plans**

After successfully completing my course, I will return to my home country to fulfill my career aspiration of expanding my nation in the field of Hospitality and Culinary art. When I will return to my country, I will look for a excellent job in Hospitality and culinary with a gradual development in chef skills with a good salary and facility in five stars hotels across Nepal (Crown Plaza Soltee, The Dwarika’s Hotel, Hotel Mulberry, Hyatt Residency and so on). There are also vast numbers of Hospitality groups growing in Nepal Like; Siddhartha Business Groups of Hospitality, Kalash Hospitality Management Groups, Nepal Hospitality Groups, CG hospitality, KGH group of hotels & Resorts, Hotel Association Nepal, and The Pride Hospitality, Yeti Groups of Hospitality, Sherpa Hospitality and many more where I can start my career as chef. After getting many experiences from all, I will return to my village for further work. My village's name is Tauthali . Tauthali is an unbelievably beautiful place, where the people all belong to newari community. The place is full of natural beauty like rivers, waterfalls, hills, etc. Main Tauthali is famous for its culture and festivals, some famous jatras are curd festivals where we play Holi of curds (the jatra is only celebrated in my village among all over country) there are more. There are many attractions of tourism in my village where I can provide them unique typical newari dishes and their familiar food of their own country. Newari dishes is famous and best dish of nepal.

**Financial Supports Details**

**Knowledge on Visa Condition of Subclass 500**

On my stay in Australia, I will be honest and follow all the rules and regulation of the Australian government and never intend to do any kind of activity against rules & regulation and is in application since July 1, 2016 under the Simplified Student Visa framework (SSVF) for all international Students. The several conditions under Visa Subclass 500, which as an international student that I understand and must follow are:

* **Condition Number 8105**: I cannot start paid work until my course is commenced in Australia. I also cannot work more than 40 hours per fortnight.
* **Condition Number 8202**: I must remain enrolled in a course that is on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS). I must also maintain enrolment in a registered course that is the same level or at a higher level than the registered course for which I am granted a visa. I must maintain satisfactory attendance and pass each module for course progression.
* **Condition Number 8501**: I must maintain arrangements for health insurance, also known as Overseas Student Health Cover (OHSC) during my stay in Australia.
* **Condition Number 8516:** I must continue to satisfy the financial requirements for the grant of my student visa.
* **Condition Number 8533:** I must notify my education provider my address - in Australia within seven days of arriving in Australia, if I change the address within seven days of the change.
* **Condition Number 8303:** I must not be involved in activities that are disruptive or in violence, threaten, or harm to the Australian community.

**Final remarks**

Through my research and knowledge, I have found your offer suitable to me. I will be more than grateful to study at Australia on Queenford College in Certificate IV in Commerical Cookery leading to Diploma of hospitality. I hope that my dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work will pay off to get my future career in Nepal. After returning to my home country, I would be a capable person to bring change in the Hospitality industries here. I am sure that the knowledge I have gained during my studies would be overly exciting and valuable for the development of my career. I will be ready to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles throughout my stay in Australia and promise to maintain discipline and be diligent. As an optimistic person, I will do my best to fulfill my lifelong dream and will return to my homeland to achieve success in the field of cooking and hospitality in Nepal. I am looking forward to your positive response and thank you for your time and consideration.

**Yours sincerely,**

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