Essay Instructions for
Advanced Practice and Nursing Practice
Graduate Program Applicants

Essay Questions for the following programs:

Application Essay for those applying to one of the following MN, DNP, or PMCO level graduate programs:
Nurse Midwifery, Family Nurse Practitioner, Health Systems and Organizational Leadership, Nursing Education, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Post-masters Certificate Gerontology

Instructions:

As part of your application to the OHSU School of Nursing you must complete and submit a personal statement. Please review and prepare a response to the following question. Type your response in Microsoft Word using single spaced 12pt font. When ready, copy and paste your essay response in the personal statement section of your NursingCAS application by the designated application deadline. Please limit your response to 700 words.

Application Essay Question #1:

Refer to specific information about the specialty area of your interest for specific areas to discuss: your rationale for selecting the graduate program and specialty area for which you are applying, your understanding of the advanced practice nursing role the specialty would prepare you for, what you hope to derive from the program, your particular areas of interest and concern, and your aspirations following graduation including career goals and plans.

Application Essay Question #2:

In a separate personal statement field in NCAS please address the following questions (copy and paste). Please limit your response to 700 for all questions combined.

1. Functional Role Experiences: Describe experience in the roles of practice, teaching and administration. Include evidence of certification, innovations, organizational responsibilities, and independent roles.
2. Leadership Experiences: Describe elected or appointed positions in professional, political, students, or community organizations. Discuss your performance as a change agent in an organization.
3. Other Experiences: Describe any significant life experiences that have contributed to your choice in pursuing graduate nursing education, such as cross-cultural experiences and community involvement.

Questions:

Contact the Office of Admissions at the OHSU School of Nursing at proginfo@ohsu.edu with any additional questions.