

Essay Instructions for Select 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 NP, Health Systems and Organizational Leadership, Nursing Education, or Psychiatric Mental Health NP. *Note: Applicants to the Adult Geriatric Care NP, Pediatric NP, or the Accelerated Bachelor to FNP, Midwifery, or PMHNP programs use a different essay located on this page: <http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/steps-to-apply.cfm>.*

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. **NCAS does not limit the number of essays you load for each application meaning you can load multiple essays to your OHSU application. Please limit your response to each essay 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 word document please address the following questions (approximately 1 paragraph each in one document that is no longer than 700 words).

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.

Submitting your Essay Response:

Remember to submit both of your essay responses to your [NursingCAS](#) application by the appropriate application deadline. After copy and pasting your personal statement into your NCAS account in the personal statement section, go to “Designations” **on the home page of your Nursing CAS account**, select “designated schools” **then** Oregon Health & Science University and **ATTACH** the personal statement to your designated program.

Questions:

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