



Essay Instructions for Post Master Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Applicants

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. After uploading your personal statement into your NCAS account, 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. **Please limit your response to 700 words.**

NCAS does not limit the number of essays you load for each application meaning you can load multiple essays to your OHSU application. Limit your response to each essay to 700 words.

Application Essay Question #1:

Discuss your rationale for selecting the DNP program, your specialty area, your understanding of what the DNP would prepare you for, what you hope to derive from the program, your particular area of interest and concern, and your aspirations following graduation including career goals and plans. **Please limit your response to 700 words.**

Application Essay Question #2:

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 Responses: After uploading your personal statement into your NCAS account, 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 by the appropriate application deadline.

Supplemental Questions: Please review and submit the separate supplemental question document found on this page: <http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/steps-to-apply.cfm> as part of your application materials.

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

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