



## Essay Instructions for Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) Applicants

### **Instructions:**

As part of your application to the OHSU School of Nursing we ask that you prepare a response to the following three (3) questions.

When ready, copy and paste your response essay to your NursingCAS application by the designated application deadline. **NCAS does not limit the number of essays you load for each application meaning you can load multiple essays to your OHSU application. Refer to submission instructions below.**

**Please limit your response to 700 words for each question.**

### **(Required) Essay Question #1:**

Talk about your decision to become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP), your rationale for selecting the PNP program at OHSU, your understanding of the advanced practice nursing role, and what you hope to derive from the program, and your career goals and plans following graduation.

### **(Required) Essay Question #2:**

Review the 14 skills listed (See right column below). Then take a moment to sort them into the following three (3) groups: 1) Skills I feel I have, 2) Skills I continue to strengthen, and 3) Skills I need to develop. Share your 'groupings', then identify one skill from each group to tell us about, reflecting on the sorting process and your selections.

#### **Skills I feel I have:**

1. Self-confidence
2. Realistic self-assessment
3. Self-deprecating sense of humor
4. Trustworthiness/integrity
5. Comfort with ambiguity
6. Openness to change
7. Strong drive to achieve
8. Optimism, even in the face of failure
9. Organizational commitment
10. Cross cultural sensitivity/humility
11. Service
12. Effectiveness in leading change
13. Persuasiveness
14. Expertise in building and leading teams

#### **Skills I continue to strengthen**

#### **Skills I need to develop:**



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### **Submitting your Essay Response(s):**

Remember to upload both of your essays to your **NursingCAS** application by the appropriate application deadline. 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 designated 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](mailto:proginfo@ohsu.edu) with any additional questions.