

MSN Admission Essay Guidelines and Rubric

Guidelines:

1. In no more than 250 words (place the word count at the top of the essay under your name), respond to the following: Discuss your professional career goals and how you believe obtaining your MSN as a Family Nurse Practitioner will assist you in meeting those goals. Be as specific as possible.
2. Presentation is an important component of this essay. The Graduate Faculty Council considers the ability to use correct grammar and spelling, word choice, and adherence to directions as indicators of your ability to effectively and professionally communicate.
3. Review the rubric utilized by the Graduate Faculty Council to evaluate all admission essays.

Criterion	Points Possible	Points awarded	Comments
Career goals match primary care NP role and education	<p>10 points: Clear link between goals and NP role/education, focus is on primary care.</p> <p>8 points: Career goals are stated and are loosely connected to NP role and delivery of health care.</p> <p>6 points: Career goals are stated but not connected to NP role; interested in another APN focus.</p> <p>4 points: Does not mention career goals or health care delivery.</p>		
Writing Mechanics	<p>10 points: Graduate level writing (clear, concise, grammatically correct, proper spelling/word choice, no typos).</p> <p>8 points: Essay is clear, but has <5 grammatical, word, or spelling errors/typos.</p> <p>6 points: Essay somewhat confusing; has 5-10 grammatical, word choice, or spelling errors.</p> <p>4 points: Essay poorly written, difficult to read, >10 grammatical, word choice, or spelling errors/typos.</p>		
Ability to follow directions: 250 word count, word count listed at top of essay	<p>5 points: Followed all directions</p> <p>3 points: >250 word count</p> <p>0 points: Did not follow directions</p>		
	Total points:		