



## Department of Undergraduate Nursing Pre-Licensure Nursing Program **Personal Statement Instructions**

A personal statement is a chance for nursing applicants to share their goals and passions, what they will bring to the program, and what they hope to get out of the program. Please write a personal statement covering the following 4 areas: personal attributes, influence of diverse populations, healthcare experience, and motivation to be a nurse. See below for specifics.

### **Personal Statement Format:**

- 1-2 pages, double-spaced, 1-inch margins, Times New Roman, 12 pt. font
- Save and submit as a word document (.docx)
- Title your personal statement with your name as follows:  
lastname\_firstname\_personal\_statement

### **Content Areas to Address in your Personal Statement:**

#### **Overarching Personal Attributes:**

There are many important attributes in being a nurse. Describe one trait that will help you be successful in the nursing program. Describe an additional trait that will make you a well-rounded future nurse.

#### **Influence of Diverse Populations:**

Nurses work in a variety of settings and with a vastly diverse patient population. Tell us in your own words what it means to be culturally competent. Give us an example of how working with people with different backgrounds has improved your understanding of cultural differences.

#### **Experience in Healthcare:**

Reflect on any experiences that you have had in healthcare as a patient, family member of a patient, or healthcare worker and how the experience has personally impacted you. This could include nursing, general medicine, dentistry, public health, etc.

#### **Motivation to be a Nurse:**

What makes you choose nursing for your future profession? Tell us what makes you excited to be admitted to a nursing program and joining the future nursing profession.