School of Nursing
Master of Science in Nursing

Essay Guidelines

Please provide a typed, double spaced narrative of 750 to 1000 words. You may copy the essay directly to the online application or submit it separately to The Center for Adult and Graduate Studies. Applications will be reviewed when all admission materials are received.

Develop a narrative essay addressing the following six questions.

1. What most interests you about pursuing an MSN at Aurora University?

2. What are your professional goals five years after you obtain your MSN? Reflect upon the things that are most important for you to achieve.

3. Explain what it means to demonstrate professionalism in nursing and how your value system and work ethic express your professionalism in your work everyday.

4. How have your clinical and educational experiences shaped who you are as a nurse?

5. How do you believe obtaining an MSN will affect your professional expectations of yourself and others?

6. Why do you think you are ready to pursue graduate education at this time?

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