

Writing instructions: Applicants must upload typed essay in response to five specific questions. Responses will be uploaded as one Microsoft Word or PDF file in the NursingCAS Admission Application. Responses provide valuable information about your interest in PhD studies and will be evaluated by the admissions committee as examples of your entry level graduate writing ability.

Each response will be evaluated by using the following criteria:

- The structure of the responses
 - Clearly defined scope and purpose
 - Body of the response supports key ideas
 - Word choice is varied and appropriate, easily understood
 - Conclusion summarizes key idea
- Flow
 - Ideas are presented in a clear, logical order
 - Transitions guide reader from one idea to the next
 - Varied sentence structure and length used
- Depth
 - Answers the question with details
 - Shows familiarity with key concepts/terms and literature
 - Provides new information, clarity of perspective to the discussion of ideas
- Conventions
 - Follows grammatical and spelling conventions of standard English
 - Follows directions provided

Address the following question in an response no longer than 1500 words [approximately 3 typed pages], using 1-inch margins, double-spaced and a 12 point font.

1. Discuss the research focus that you would like to pursue in the PhD program, its potential impact on nursing, and one researchable problem in that focus area.
 - a. Discuss why the research focus you have selected is important.
 - b. Generate examples of researchable questions you might study.
 - c. What gaps in the evidence based practice literature would your research help address?
 - d. Discuss the potential relevance for nursing.

Include references cited. The reference list will not be counted in the 3 page limit for the responses.

Respond to each of following questions in short answers between 250-500 words for each question, using 1-inch margins, double-spaced and a 12 point font.

2. How have your experiences, professionally and clinically, prepared you for doctoral study?
3. Discuss your educational and professional goals, short- and long-term (5 - 10 years), and how the PhD program will help you to reach these goals.
4. Please identify a nursing faculty member who seems to be a good match with your research interest; discuss how this faculty's research expertise can facilitate the achievement of your research and professional goals.
5. What are some reasons you have specifically selected the PhD program in nursing at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center? In what ways do you believe this program is best suited to meet your educational and career goals?