

PHD Application

The personal essay is your opportunity to provide us with insight into your motivation and interest in the PhD in Nursing Program. Your responses are scored based on your ability to answer the questions in a comprehensive manner. Answers should be single spaced in 12 font and limited to one-page per question. Your written submission, your references and academic record are all considered in the selection process for the PhD in Nursing Program.

1. Briefly outline your professional qualifications, clinical nursing experiences and your reasons for applying for graduate studies at this point in your career.
2. What are your long-term career goals, and how do you see graduate education contributing to meeting them?
3. Briefly describe a nursing science issue on which you would like to focus your research around during your PhD degree.
4. Describe your reasons for deciding to pursue your graduate nursing education at McMaster University. Comment on the fit between the department, courses, supervisor and your academic goals.
5. Outline the personal attributes (e.g. communication skills, innovativeness, organization etc) you possess, and how they will contribute to your overall success in graduate school.