



Gwynedd Mercy
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FRANCES M. MAGUIRE SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS
GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM
Personal Statement - *Required for all applicants*

Your personal statement is a very important part of your application. This document is a reflection of your professionalism and sets the tone of your application. Here are some tips/techniques for your written responses.

- Respond to all questions in typewritten form, using full sentences.
- Write in your own voice
- Use examples in your current workplace as needed to discuss a question.
- Proofread and spellcheck your document.

Please follow the directions below to complete your personal statement:

- APA format including citations and references with 12-point font, 1-inch margins
- Minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 1000 words
- In the statement, identify the following:
 - Purpose for attending graduate school—Why are you pursuing a graduate nursing degree? How will this degree help you achieve your career goals?
 - Discuss the responsibilities of the nursing track you are pursuing (i.e. educator, practitioner, or specialist) – What is your understanding of in-class participation and completion of projects/assignments outside of class?
 - Why are you suited for a graduate nursing program—What attributes do you possess that will help you to be successful in your Graduate Nursing Program?
 - Each course will require 3 hours of classroom attendance and at least 9 hours of outside classroom homework (textbook reading, review of notes, studying for exams, writing papers, and group work) - How will you incorporate adding graduate school into your life?
 - What obstacles do you anticipate that you might need to address in order to be successful in this program?
 - 80% of your grade in this program, is based on Critical Thinking and Objective Testing (computerized testing of material you have studied in your course) – What challenges do you anticipate in preparing for these assessments?

Please return completed document to Savanna Wills at swills@crm.gmercyu.edu Or fax to: 267.733.6691