

Applicant's Checklist

PhD in Nursing

University of Missouri-Columbia

SEND THESE ITEMS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA GRADUATE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

1. MU Application Form
2. Official transcripts from each college or university that you have attended.
3. An official report of your Graduate Record Examination Scores. On the Application to the PhD Program (attached), indicate the date on which you will take or retake the GRE if original scores are not available. Please see the attached additional information regarding the Graduate Record Examination.

RETURN THESE ITEMS TO THE PhD PROGRAM OFFICE, MU SINCLAIR SCHOOL OF NURSING

1. PhD Program in Nursing Application Form
2. Doctoral study is best achieved with a good mentor-student match in terms of research content. Prior to writing an original essay focused on career and research goals, all applicants are advised to peruse the doctoral faculty list that is provided on the MU Sinclair School of Nursing Website. The applicant should make contact with one or more members of the faculty to discuss the potential for shared research interests and ascertain if a reasonable mentor-student match exists.

Following conversations with one or more faculty in the area of interest, the applicant should write an original essay, four to six double-spaced pages in length. The faculty asks that each of the following points be addressed by the applicant.

- a. Provide your reasons for wishing to enter doctoral study at this point in your career
- b. State your professional goals and how completing this program helps you achieve these goals
- c. Discuss the strengths that you bring to doctoral study
- d. Provide the name of the doctoral faculty with whom you are interested in working
- e. Provide a rationale for your interest in conducting research relevant to one of the three substantive areas of study: Health restoration and support; Health promotion and protection, or Health systems

- f. Discuss your likely research interest(s) with regard to population groups (for example, older adults) and health-related issues (for example, nutrition of persons with diabetes)
- g. Suggest a possible collateral area (the collateral area is the discipline outside of nursing that supports your research focus)

3. Reference Forms. Ask at least three persons to complete one of these forms. Provide each respondent with a stamped envelope addressed to PhD Program in Nursing (see address below). Ask the respondent to mail the form directly to the School. The respondent may be a current or former employer, a former or current faculty member, or another person who you know on a professional basis. The respondent must (a) hold at least a master's degree, to complete one of these forms (b) be familiar with your academic competencies and goals and (c) be able to evaluate your potential to succeed in a research career.

4. Resume/Vitae. List your education (including the title of the master's thesis if applicable), professional experience, professional organization activities, professional and academic honors, research completed or in progress, publications and presentations, and relevant public service activities.

5. Copy of RN license. Send a photocopy of a current RN license issued to you by one state.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS APPLICATION?

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