

UCI Sue & Bill Gross

School of Nursing

Ph.D. in Nursing Science

1. Personal History

Please provide a brief statement (≤ 400 words for each section) addressing each of the following topics.

Leadership (≤ 400 words)

Please describe your leadership experience, being sure to address the following:

- Leadership roles you have played and their impact on your decision to pursue a PhD
- How will these experiences help you in your research trajectory as a nurse scholar?
- Leadership roles you would like to pursue with your PhD

Commitment to diversity (≤ 400 words)

Please describe any experiences you have had that demonstrate your commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and address the following:

- How might you contribute to social or cultural diversity within your chosen field?
- How might you serve educationally underrepresented segments of society with your degree?

Coping with challenge (≤ 400 words)

Please describe a major challenge and/or adverse experience you have encountered in life and write a brief description of how you handled it. Be sure to address the following:

- How did you deal with barriers you experienced while coping with the challenge?
- What lessons did you learn from the experience?

2. Statement of Purpose (Focus on research, ≤ 1200 words)

Please explain what has brought you to pursue a PhD in Nursing Science at UCI. Your statement should include all of the following:

- The qualifications that prepare you for the doctoral program (i.e., previous research experience including conceptualization and design of a research project, data collection, and dissemination).
- What area of research would you like to focus on in your PhD program? Why?
- Your career goals and why a PhD degree will help you achieve them
- Why is UCI Nursing Science the best place for you to get a PhD?