

DNP – DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Please prepare two essays using the following guidelines. Be sure to address the issues/questions outlined below in your essays.

Statement of Purpose (1200 words max)

Background and Career Goals

Describe experiences in your nursing career that have contributed to your interest in pursuing a practice doctorate degree.

- ✓ Specify outcomes you wish to gain from the DNP education
- ✓ How will the DNP program at UCI help you reach your career goals?

Health Equity and Diversity

Describe experiences you have had that demonstrate your commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

- ✓ How will your nursing practice contribute to social or cultural diversity? This strategy can relate to health care provision, health promotion, workforce development, community collaboration, education or another area.

Personal History (1200 words max)

Coping with Challenge

Describe a major challenge or experience you have encountered in your life and write a brief description of how you handled it.

- ✓ Address the barriers you experienced while coping with the challenge
- ✓ Discuss lessons learned from the experience

Anticipating Life Change

Describe your personal characteristics that will contribute to successful completion of the DNP degree

- ✓ What issues do you anticipate as you transition to doctoral study?
- ✓ What is your plan to manage these issues?