

Essay Response Instructions

Applicants are required to submit two essay responses, the Statement of Purpose and the Personal History, according to the instructions below (current prompt information is located on the School of Nursing DNP-Family Nurse Practitioner and DNP-Post Master's Admissions website at <https://nursing.uci.edu/admissions>).

Applicants should only use the information below when writing their Statement of Purpose and Personal History essays. **Please note:** UC Irvine Graduate Application contains sample prompt language, but when applying to the DNP-FNP or DNP-Post Master's program, please only use the guidelines below.

Statement of Purpose

In the UCI Graduate Application "Statement of Purpose" section, please address the following prompt in 1200 words or less:

Why have you chosen the DNP as a terminal degree? Describe/discuss your nursing background and career goals that align with the DNP.

When answering this prompt, make sure to address the following:

- Specify outcomes you wish to gain from a DNP education.
- How will the DNP program at UCI help you reach your goals?
- How will these goals contribute to advancements in healthcare?

Personal History

In the UCI Graduate Application "Personal History" section, please address the following prompt in 1200 words or less:

Reflect on your personal *and* professional journey in nursing. How have your experiences shaped your identity and values as a nurse? Discuss any significant obstacles or achievements that have influenced your career path.