

Essay Response Instructions

Applicants are required to submit one essay response, the Statement of Purpose, according to the instructions below (current prompt information is located on the School of Nursing MEPN Admissions website at <https://nursing.uci.edu/admissions/mepn-admissions/>).

Applicants should only use the information below when writing their Statement of Purpose essay. Please note, MEPN no longer requires a response in the personal history statement section. The UC Irvine Graduate Application contains sample prompt language, but when applying to the MEPN program, please only use the guidelines below.

Statement of Purpose

In the UCI Graduate Application “Statement of Purpose” section, please respond to the following prompt in 1000 words or less:

The MEPN program has a concentration in Community and Population Health. Please describe how your experiences and education have:

- **Provided you with unique perspectives that will contribute to the richness of the MEPN program?**
- **Prepared you to enter the nursing profession with focus on addressing the barriers to healthcare among underserved populations?**
- **Influenced your future career goals?**

When reflecting on your previous experiences, examples that you may choose to address include, but are not limited to, those relevant to your:

- Education
- Residency and citizenship
- First-generation college status
- Cultural, economic, or other social identities