

Entrance Essay Topic: “Thoughts on Quality Nursing Education and My Potential Contribution”

Directions:

- 2 pages not including reference page
- double spaced, 12 point font
- 1-2 references cited in APA format
- Content: Discuss your thoughts about what constitutes quality in nursing education today. Relate your ideas to current trends in health care, the nursing profession or higher education. Next discuss how you see yourself contributing to nursing education in terms of the role you expect to fill, in light of your particular strengths and talents.

Maximum Points	Applicant points	Element	Scoring Considerations
20		1. Knowledge of trends in the profession (“Current events” in health care, nursing profession, higher education, nursing education)	Is content accurate and current? Well described? Are the sources scholarly? Does content knowledge reflect having achieved a BSN?
20		2. Depth of thinking about issues	Are personal thoughts developed well or are they superficial cliches? Does the student offer any original or creative ideas?
20		3. Match of self to the nurse educator role	Does student make a case for a “good fit” of personal characteristics with nursing education? Does student give specific examples or vague generalities?
20		4. Coherency and organization	Can one follow the student's train of thought? Is there logical organization? Are there transitions from one thought to the next?
20		5. Professional writing	Are there grammar or spelling errors? Is APA format correct?
100	Total =		