

Personal Statement

The goal of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program in Nursing is to prepare nurse scientist who will contribute to scientific knowledge. Graduates will assume leadership positions in academia, clinical, and other research roles. The purpose of this statement is for you to provide information about yourself as well as to demonstrate your ability to express ideas clearly and logically in a grammatically correct format. Each response should be 250-300 words, double-spaced typewritten. Citations are not required.

1. Reasons for graduate study: Describe your reasons for wanting to earn a PhD in Nursing. Provide any information about your background, training, and experience that you believe is relevant to your qualifications for doctoral study.
2. Please provide a balanced assessment of your personal characteristics including strengths, weaknesses, and challenges. Describe how these characteristics influence your individual and group interactions, with particular emphasis on your interpersonal style and leadership qualities, and those characteristics that influence the way others view you. Also, describe any memberships that are important to you.
3. Briefly describe a problem in health care with a focus on nursing science on which you would like to focus your research.
4. What contribution do you expect to make to the nursing profession after earning the degree?
5. Why did you specifically select the PhD program in Nursing at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS)? How do you expect doctoral study at UAMS to facilitate your career goals?
6. How have your background and life experiences, including cultural, geographical, financial, educational or other opportunities or challenges, motivated your decision to pursue the PhD at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences?
7. Please include anything else that you believe is pertinent to your personal statement that was not included in 1-6 above.