

School of Nursing

Guidelines for Writing PhD Personal Statement

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The personal statement will include written responses to the following questions. Your answers are expected to be both thoughtful and scholarly.

- 1) What are your career goals and how do you see this doctoral program contributing to meeting them?
- 2) Within your particular area of interest, identify some problems you see as offering promise for research.
- 3) What particular strengths do you believe you bring to this program that would enrich the learning environment of your peers?
- 4) What do you perceive as major contemporary issues in nursing and what are your views on at least one of them.
- 5) Identify one or two potential advisors from the list of doctoral faculty eligible for advising and provide a rationale for your choices.

