Personal Statement for Nursing PhD Applicants

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 area in health care with a focus on nursing science on which you think 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?