

# Nursing Application Essay Requirements

As part of your application to the Nursing Program at Northeastern State University, you are required to submit a **formal admission essay**. This essay allows the Admissions Committee to evaluate your **writing ability**, adherence to **APA format and style**, your **motivation for becoming a nurse**, and your **ability to follow detailed instructions** - all essential skills for success in the nursing profession.

Please carefully review and follow the directions below.

## Essay Requirements

Your essay must:

1. Be **2-3 pages in length**, not including the title page or reference page.
2. Be written in the following style
  - Title page with your Name and title of paper
  - 12-point Times New Roman font
  - Double spacing
  - 1-inch margins
  - In-text citations (if used)
  - Reference page (if sources are used)
3. Address all required essay prompts listed below. These must be original prompts.

**Please Note:** The use of AI-generated content or AI writing tools (including ChatGPT and similar systems) in the creation of the admission essay is strictly prohibited. All submitted essays must represent the applicant's **original, independent work**.

Any evidence or reasonable suspicion of AI-generated content will result in the applicant being **immediately removed from the admission process** and deemed **ineligible for program consideration**.

4. Be written clearly, professionally, and free of spelling or grammatical errors.
5. Be submitted as a **PDF or Word document** by April 15.
6. Represent your **original, independent work**.

Failure to follow the above instructions will impact your overall evaluation.

## Essay Prompts

Please respond to each of the following in well-developed, organized paragraphs:

### 1. Describe your motivation for becoming a nurse.

- What personal, academic, or professional experiences influenced your decision?
- How do these experiences align with the values of the nursing profession?

**2. Discuss why you believe the NSU Nursing Program is a good fit for you.**

- What strengths, qualities, or perspectives will you bring to the program?
- What do you hope to gain from your nursing education?

**3. Explain a time you faced adversity, a challenge, or a significant responsibility.**

- How did you respond, and what did you learn about yourself?
- How will this experience help you succeed as a nursing student and a future nurse?

**4. Reflect on the importance of professionalism, ethical behavior, and accountability in nursing.**

- How do you currently demonstrate these attributes, and how do you plan to grow in these areas?

## **Evaluation Criteria**

Your essay will be evaluated according to the following:

**1. Writing Ability (Clarity, Grammar, Organization)**

- Clear introduction, body, and conclusion
- Logical flow of ideas
- Grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure
- Professional tone

**2. APA Format and Style**

- Correct title page
- Formatting accuracy (font, spacing, margins)
- Appropriately formatted citations and references (if used)
- Adherence to APA 7th edition guidelines

**3. Content and Motivation for Nursing**

- Thoughtful, authentic responses to essay prompts
- Insight into personal motivations, experiences, and self-awareness
- Demonstration of values aligned with nursing profession

**4. Ability to Follow Instructions**

- Meets page-length requirements
- Follows APA guidelines as stated
- Addresses all prompts fully
- Submits essay in the required format
- Meets deadlines