

## **Professional Statement and Résumé Requirements**

You must submit a Professional Statement and a Résumé as a part of your application to the Graduate School.

### **1. Professional Statement/Goal Statement**

This narrative is a very important part of your portfolio. The quality of the Professional Statement is often crucial in admissions decisions, since it may provide the Admissions Committee the only first-hand example of your writing skills and your ability to express your ideas in a clear, logical and coherent manner.

Please address EACH of the following in your professional statement:

- a. Explain why you have chosen the Family Nurse Practitioner Program and discuss how your work experiences (paid and voluntary) will fit with this program.
- b. Define your professional goals and how this program will contribute to your achieving them.
- c. Discuss your academic and leadership strengths and any areas for improvement.
- d. Identify a problem in healthcare and specifically but briefly discuss a potential solution.

Consider this your opportunity to communicate with the Admissions Committee members about your professional background and reasons for pursuing a Family Nurse Practitioner degree at this point in your career.

The professional statement should be three to four typed, double-spaced pages and should focus in detail on all the elements noted above.

### **2. Résumé**

Along with standard résumé information (i.e., work and education experience, professional accomplishments, etc.), include the following in your résumé:

- a. RN License Certificate Number (including state of licensure)
- b. Have you ever had disciplinary action regarding your nursing license? If so, please explain.