

Professional Goals Statement-DNP

West Virginia University School of Nursing Guidelines for Applicants Writing the Personal Statement (DNP Program)

Applicants must submit a personal statement that discusses the following:

- How doctoral graduate education will promote professional growth and help in transitioning into the role of advanced practice nursing if applicable.
- Discuss why you are pursuing the DNP degree.
- Preparation for graduate work. How has your background and experience influenced and shaped your goals for the future and prepared you for graduate study?
- Academic strengths and weaknesses that may affect program success.
- Unique qualities you possess and how you can add to the diversity of the program.
- DNP Project idea-a problem, specific population, or practice/system change to be considered for a DNP Project proposal
- Goal statement to include what kind of work or position you will seek after graduation

Tips for writing the personal statement:

- It is absolutely imperative that you follow these guidelines and that you cover each topic area. Be clear, concise, and cogent.
- The personal statement is limited to not more than three double spaced pages, using a legible 12 font. Grammar, punctuation, organization, and creativity will be evaluated in the scoring. Include an introduction and conclusion.
- Make certain that the statement is grammatically and technically correct. There should be no spelling errors.
- Do not rush. Write drafts, edit, and have someone else read the statement prior to finalizing.
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