

**PERSONAL STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ADULT-GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** All applicants must answer questions # 1 through 3. The personal statement should be 300 words, two- to four-pages in length total, double-spaced with one-inch margins, in 12 point font.

1. We want to know more about you – your life and goals, your challenges and strengths, and the clinical path that you have chosen that has lead you to this point in your career. Imagine that you are writing your autobiography and you are describing your greatest nursing career achievement.
2. Share specific experiences from your nursing career where your leadership efforts and caring intentions fostered the success of patients from diverse cultural backgrounds.
3. Describe why you want to advance your career by becoming one of the following advanced practice nurses: clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist/nurse practitioner. Include a discussion of whether your interests lie in the wellness to acute care continuum or in the primary care realm.