Southern Connecticut State University

SCSU Department of Nursing

Accelerated Career Entry (ACE) Program
Nursing Essay
Summer 2020 Cohort

Directions: Answer each individual question listed below in 200 words or less using one-inch margins and 12-pt font. Evaluation of the questions will be based on completeness, adherence to word count, spelling, grammar/punctuation, and thoughtful and concise ideas. Please indicate the number of words written for each question below. Please ensure that your name and email are listed below prior to submission. Essay completion is to be conducted solely by the applicant themselves. The essay must be uploaded to your online application portal by January 2, 2020. No late submissions will be accepted. Failure to upload the essay will result in an incomplete application, and will not be reviewed for admission consideration. Please include this first page along with your essay submission.

Applicant Name: _____
First Last Maiden

Email Address: _____ Date: _____

1. Describe your work and/or educational background and explain why you decided to pursue a second career in the nursing profession. (Indicate number of words written.)
2. Briefly describe any experiences working with or shadowing someone in the health profession. If you have not worked with or shadowed a health professional, describe an experience you have had with healthcare that was impactful to you. (Indicate number of words written.)
3. Identify three potential challenges (school-life-family balance) that you expect to encounter as a student in an accelerated nursing program and explain how you will address these challenges. (Indicate number of words written.)
4. Describe two of your strengths and two of your weaknesses and explain how these may impact your ability to be successful in an accelerated nursing program. (Indicate number of words written.)
5. Describe a challenging situation that you have encountered in the workplace or other setting and the approach that you used to address the challenge. What, if anything, would you do differently if faced with this challenge in the future? (Indicate number of words written.)
6. As a profession, nursing is charged with improving health care in the U.S. including access, quality and safety. To accomplish this, nurses need to take on leadership roles within the health care system. What leadership experiences have you had at work or school? What did you learn from these leadership opportunities? (Indicate number of words written.)