

THE UNIVERSITY of TENNESSEE 
CHATTANOOGA
SCHOOL of NURSING

BSN Application Information

Reflective Essay Instructions for the BSN Application

Students applying for admission to the School of Nursing must interview a BSN or higher Registered Nurse of their choice. Students should use the questions below for the interview and then write-up the answers to each of the questions. Each of the questions below will appear on the Nursing application exactly as they are listed below. You may paraphrase your questions anyway you wish, but you need to ask the following questions during the interview:

1. What made this nurse choose nursing?
2. What was nursing school like for him or her? (Ask for some stories about specific experiences s/he remembers).
3. Ask for two or three stories about patients this nurse remembers vividly. What made these patients so memorable?
4. What is the absolute best thing about being a nurse?
5. What is the hardest thing about being a nurse?

Be sure to ask your nurse for specific instances or stories. Please do not use any identifying information about the patients discussed during the interview in your essay. Remember, you want to tell your nurse's story and not just write down a series of quotes. Thoughtfully consider the answers to each of the questions above before writing.

There will be one last essay question on the nursing application you will need to answer from your perspective on the interview: Reflect and discuss what your thoughts were about the interview. Did the interview change your perspective on nursing?