University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
College of Nursing
Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN)
Admission Essay

A requirement of the application process is the submission of a brief essay responding to all three of the questions below. This essay should be no longer than three double-spaced pages on 8½" x 11" paper and should be typed, not handwritten. The three areas for discussion are listed below. As you are constructing your essay think about attributes you think would be important to a nurse. Those attributes can include, but are not limited to, cultural humility, self-awareness, inter-personal skills, perseverance & grit, caring & compassion, leadership, flexibility, intellectual curiosity, stress management and communication skills. You will be able to upload your essay as an attachment at the end of the application.

1. Your application provides insight into your academic history and accomplishments, but we also want to understand the experiences that have shaped you. Describe an experience, responsibility, or circumstance not otherwise reflected in your application and how it has influenced your decision to pursue nursing.

2. Describe a time when you received feedback that was difficult to hear or when your performance did not meet expectations. What happened? What was your initial response? What responsibility did you have for the situation, and what did you do differently afterward?

3. Describe a specific situation in which another person's beliefs, values, or life experiences led them to view a situation differently than you did. How did you seek to understand their perspective, and how did the experience influence your understanding of your own assumptions, beliefs, or way of thinking?