

**University at Buffalo, School of Nursing**

**Personal Statement – Graduate Programs**

*Personal statements should not exceed two pages, double spaced, 1 inch margins, Times New Roman size 12 font.*

Consult the School of Nursing's [mission, vision, values and goals](#) when writing your personal statement. The following should be addressed:

1. Describe at least two qualities you possess that make you a good formal or informal leader. Use an example of how this quality contributed to your leadership in an area of your life.
2. Discuss an experience in collaborative teamwork using examples from any aspect of your life, and what you learned from it.
3. Articulate your reasons and/or career goals for obtaining an advanced degree in your intended specialty.
4. As a school, our vision includes respect for and inclusion of people from diverse cultures and backgrounds. Provide an example of how you have worked with diverse populations locally, nationally or globally. How do you believe your graduate education will push you to further your skills in working with people from diverse backgrounds?
5. Additional Comments: Please provide any additional comments that you feel the committee should know about in your essay (optional).