

## Admissions Essay

### Why the Admissions Essay is Important, and What the Admissions Committee is Looking for in the Essay

The committee is particularly interested in:

- Detailed information regarding community service
- What the Bon Secours mission and values mean to you on a personal level
- Identification or elaboration of any special skills you would bring to the program (e.g. foreign language fluency, international experience, health care experience, leadership experiences, etc.)
- Explain why you withdrew from enrolled courses, if any
- Explain academic performance if less than satisfactory
- If you have previously applied to the College of Nursing, identify improvements since last application
- Any other information you feel would be important for the committee members to know in making their decision

### What should be included in the Essay?

Please make sure to answer one question from each of the two categories.

### Length and Submitting the Essay

Space is limited to 500 words for each response. You will type out two separate responses (one response from each category) for the two questions you choose to answer.

**Category 1:** Please answer one of the following essay prompts.

1. Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure or setback. How did it affect you, and what lessons did you learn?
2. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?

**Category 2:** Please answer one of the following essay prompts.

1. Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal that impacted you personally and highlights your strengths.
2. Nursing is a service profession. What does this mean to you?

### Use of the Essay

- Basis for admissions decisions
- Consideration of scholarships and awards for which a student may qualify