



WINSTON-SALEM
STATE UNIVERSITY

School of Health Sciences

Winston-Salem State University
School of Health Sciences
Division of Nursing
Master of Science in Nursing
Admission Essay

Thank you for your interest in the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program at Winston-Salem State University (WSSU). Part of the departmental application process is the completion of an admission essay. The admission essay provides you the opportunity to tell the admission committee about yourself. The essay should be typed, double-spaced in 800-1,000 words in correct grammar and mechanics. It should be written using the American Psychological Association guidelines. The essay should follow the format noted below:

Title page should include:

MSN Admission Essay

Student Name

Years of RN Experience:

Setting:

MSN Concentration: ANE or FNP

Full-time or Part-time

Include your “Years of RN Experience” and “Setting(s)” in which you’ve worked along with the years for each setting. Include the most recent first. For example: Years of RN Experience: 11; Settings: Emergency Room (6); Critical Care (3); Medical-Surgical (2). Identify the MSN concentration for which you are applying and whether you plan to attend full-time or part-time.

Describe your reason for choosing the MSN program at WSSU. Why is this program for you? Identify your short and long term goals. Discuss how a MSN degree from WSSU will help you attain your professional goals. Describe your understanding of the advanced nursing role you’re choosing and how it will assist you to accomplish your goals. Identify the qualities you possess that will help you become an excellent advanced practice nurse. Explain what you are planning to do with your nursing career in your specialty after you complete the MSN.