

Nurse Practitioner Personal Essay Questions/Instructions 2024-2025

The personal essay is an important part of the secondary screening of candidates for admission to the Ontario Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (PHCNP) Program. The scores will be based on your ability to address the items comprehensively and personally. It is suggested that you include examples of personal experience within your responses. Answers that are overly brief and/or very general will not be highly scored. Your written submission strongly contributes toward determining whether you are selected for admission to the Ontario PHCNP Program.

Questions:

1. Explain how you think the PHCNP role can be utilized to improve access to health care, including for diverse populations (max 1 page).
2. What professional and personal attributes from your work and/or academic background do you bring to the PHCNP Program? Provide specific clinical examples (max 1 page).
3. Please describe how you contribute to the profession of nursing. Please include (work-related (e.g., projects, preceptorship); community involvement (e.g., volunteer (health-related preferred); scholarly work (e.g., publications, conference presentations); and any additional courses or workshops that have provided you with increased expertise in nursing. Question 3 can be in point form using the headings Work related, Community Involvement, Scholarly, and Education. Please include dates of completion for each item listed.

Instructions:

- Please answer the three (3) questions above.
- Replies must be typed using APA 7th Professional format (except number three, which can be point form).
- Answers to questions should not exceed one page each.
- Please write out the question and number your answers to correspond to the questions.