

Guidelines for Philosophy of Nursing Statement and Reference Letters

Philosophy of Nursing

Please provide a typed, double-spaced, no more than three-page statement of your nursing philosophy, specifically addressing:

1. Your beliefs/philosophy of nursing
2. Why you are interested in pursuing a master's degree in the specific track you have chosen
3. What you expect the achievement of the degree to provide for you and for nursing.

Letters of Reference

The purpose of letters of reference is to provide the graduate program with information about how colleagues and associates perceive the applicants to the Master of Science with Major in Nursing Program.

Letters must be on letterhead, signed with an original signature, and dated. **Letters older than six months from the date of application or undated letters will not be accepted.** One letter must be from a recent place of employment. Reference letters from other current students or peers will not be accepted. The following "Reference Letter Requirements" page should be provided to your references.

Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

Florida Atlantic University

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References letters must be printed on letterhead from your agency or employer. If letterhead is unavailable, please attach a business card. Please date and sign the letter and return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. The applicant will assemble all application materials and submit them to the college.

In your letter, please make note of the following points:

1. How long the referee has known the applicant
2. In what capacity the referee has know the applicant (e.g. manager)
3. Specific information about all the following
 - a. Initiative
 - b. Scholarly achievements and/or disposition
 - c. Ability to complete tasks
 - d. Orientation to work in a team
 - e. Self-reflection and self-correction
 - f. Career orientation as a nurse
 - g. Impression that the applicant can achieve the Master of Science with Major in Nursing

Please feel free to contact the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing Student Services Office at 561-297-6261 with any questions or concerns.

Than you for supporting your colleague in furthering his/her education.