



University of Maine at Augusta

BSN Program

Supplemental Admission Criteria

*Students previously dismissed from a Nursing Education Program*

Purpose:

To complete admission eligibility for applicants who have previously attended and been dismissed from a nursing education program. The assessment is conducted to gather information about the applicant's probability of being successful in UMA's nursing program at the time of application.

This essay is required as part of the students application to the program.

Procedure:

A. Applicant

The UMA Holistic Nursing Program faculty and staff welcomes your admission essay for entrance. Our program focus is that of the mind, body and spirit of our students and staff. Students accepted into this program will learn and practice from the holistic viewpoint in order to encompass both the science and art of nursing for this complex time in history. As holistic practitioners, we recognize that there are many reasons that students may fail and those encompass a person's mind, body and spirit. The admission essay should be a formal, one-page letter that includes the reason(s) for your previous program failure and detail how this affected your mind, body and spirit. Also, include the actions you have taken to address those reasons, and actions taken to strengthen your mind, body and spirit to ensure your future success.

- a. Complete and electronically submit an essay (500 word maximum) addressing the following topics using the above description as a guide:
  - i. Identify and describe the academic and/or personal life factors that lead to unsuccessful performance in the previously attended nursing program.
  - ii. For each of the factors identified: describe actions taken that will support your success in the UMA BSN Nursing Program.
- b. Submit the document electronically to [umaadm@maine.edu](mailto:umaadm@maine.edu).

B. Review Committee

- a. Committee members will consist of two faculty members in consultation with the Director of Admissions and the Coordinator of Nursing Education.
- b. The review will be a blind review.
- c. Committee members will review written essays within two weeks of receipt.
- d. Applicants may be contacted for an interview appointment if deemed necessary.
- e. Committee members will provide recommendations for admission to the Coordinator and Director of Admission within 2 weeks of essay review.

C. Decisions

- a. Applicant essays will be evaluated according to the criteria identified on the rubric.
- b. Applicant’s score should be at 80% or above to be considered for admission to the UMA BSN Nursing Program.
- c. Applicants will be notified of admission decisions a minimum of 6 weeks prior to start date.

## Admission Essay Rubric

|   | Not Present<br>0                      | Minimal<br>1-2                                       | Comprehensive<br>3-4   | Weight |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|--------|
| <b>Describes academic and or personal barriers providing detail how this affected mind, body and spirit</b>   | Does not address.                     | Describes barriers, but does not take holistic view. | Describes academic and or personal barriers providing detail how this affected mind, body and spirit   | 45%    |
| <b>Describes actions taken to overcome academic and/or personal barriers to success and actions taken to strengthen your mind, body and spirit to ensure your future success.</b> | No action plan.                       | Action plan present but does not take holistic view. | Describes actions taken to overcome academic and/or personal barriers to success and actions taken to strengthen your mind, body and spirit to ensure your future success. | 45%    |
| <b>Spelling/<br/>Grammar/ Formatting/<br/>Mechanics</b>   | Multiple spelling and grammar errors. | Some spelling and grammar errors.                    | Minimal to no spelling or grammar errors.  | 10%    |

100%

***Minimum passing score = 80%***