**APPLICANT**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**PHD (Nursing) PROGRAM**

Please provide the following information pertaining to your academic and professional background and career goals. Please offer a response in each section (normally up to ½ page maximum length per section). This information is reviewed by the Faculty of Nursing Admissions Committee as part of the admissions selection process. Your responses will assist in the appraisal of your professional interests and career plans, and your fit with our faculty and programs.

**NOTE:**  Handwritten documents will not be accepted.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently licensed to practice as a Registered Nurse? No\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_

Jurisdiction where license is held: Province/Country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nursing Registration # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**In addition to the questions below, please attach a current resume/CV as a separate document (Department Check 1 on application), and include the following information:**

1. Previous education
2. Professional work experiences
3. Scholarships and awards
4. Research and/or project funds received
5. Publications and/or presentations
6. Community and professional memberships.
7. Continuing education (courses/workshops in past 5 years)

**Area of Proposed Research Interest (topic, methods)**:

Please refer to the Faculty of Nursing website for information on [developing an application for doctoral nursing studies](https://www.ualberta.ca/nursing/programs/graduate-programs-and-admissions/doctoral-program/admission-criteria-and-application-process.html) at the University of Alberta.

**PROPOSED FACULTY SUPERVISOR**: Doctoral students are required to confirm the name of the faculty member who has agreed to serve as your thesis supervisor before an offer of admission will be made. The graduate supervisor provides guidance and direction in the selection of the thesis topic and research method, and thus must have the expertise required to support the student’s intended research project. Please consult the [Academic Listing of the Faculty of Nursing website](https://www.ualberta.ca/nursing/programs/graduate-student-resources-and-services/finding-a-supervisor.html) to identify potential supervisors. Contact faculty members to discuss your proposed research focus, and to secure their agreement to serve as graduate supervisor if your application for admission is successful.

**PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT TO YOUR PROPOSED FACULTY SUPERVISOR FOR DISCUSSION REGARDING YOUR INTENT TO APPLY FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES.**

**Name of Proposed Supervisor**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE COMMUNICATION** that you have had with your proposed supervisor in the preparation of your application.

**ALIGNMENT WITH PROPOSED SUPERVISOR’S EXPERTISE:** Describe how your intended research topic and/or research methods will align with your proposed supervisor’s research program and/or areas of expertise.

***Applications are not considered complete without written (email) confirmation from the proposed supervisor stating that they have reviewed this Background Document, and agree to supervise your program of studies.***

**Email confirmation & recommendation from supervisor appended:**

Yes \_\_ \_ No **\_\_\_\_**

**RESEARCH PLANS** Describe the area of research you are interested in pursuing in your doctoral studies, including any specific topics, research questions or projects that you intend to develop and implement during your doctoral program (1 page maximum).

**RESEARCH POTENTIAL** Describe the significance and potential impact of your intended research activity to advance nursing and health science, and promote health, equity, and quality of life.

**RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES** Please identify and describe the your previous experience with research and/or scholarly activities (i.e. Research Assistant, research practica, participation in projects as a research team member). Provide a list of the products of these activities (i.e. reports, publications, and/or presentations ) with which you have been involved and for which you are recognized as author/co-author/contributor.

**MASTERS PROGRAM** Please describe how your previous master’s studies will contribute to your intended PhD program of study. Specifically, identify and briefly describe the master’s level nursing theory, philosophy and research courses completed. Identify whether you completed a thesis or course-based program, and the title of your thesis or capstone project.

**CAREER PLANS** Describe your five and 10 year career plans, and explain how you anticipate that doctoral studies will contribute to these plans.

**PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS** What activities, skills, expertise and experiences do you expect to gain in this program?

**COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT** Please describe your community and professional involvement over the past five years. How does this contribution demonstrate your professional leadership and commitment?

**EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION (EDI):** The Faculty of Nursing and University of Alberta are committed to creating learning communities characterized by respect, equity, diversity, and inclusiveness. Describe your approach to understanding perspectives of other people from diverse backgrounds, activities taken for personal growth in this area, and how you have led or participated in EDI initiatives in your professional roles.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Are there any other considerations or other information (including aspects related to EDI) that you would like to offer the Admissions Committee in their assessment of your unique background?

**CAN YOU SPARE A FEW MORE MINUTES?**

PLEASE ASSIST US BY ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

How did you learn about our program? (Please check off as many items as are applicable.)

 Advertisement in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (publication)

 Faculty website

 Facebook, Twitter

 Word of mouth

 Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What factors were most significant in your decision to apply to our program?

 Reputation of University

 Reputation of MN program and Faculty members

 Potential Scholarship or funding opportunities

 Program description/materials

 Location

 Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The Faculty of Nursing, Graduate Studies Office would like to recognize the awards and accomplishments of graduate students. This is to highlight the hard work being done in the Faculty. It may also assist in recruiting potential graduate students. Under FOIPP regulations, the Faculty of Nursing seeks your permission to post the following information about you. Please check the appropriate boxes below. Note that you may ask, at any time, to have your information removed by contacting the Graduate Services Office.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ give the Faculty of Nursing, Graduate Studies Office permission to publish the following on the 5th floor bulletin board or in the on-line FON Flash Newsletter during the time that I am registered in the Faculty of Nursing’s graduate programs:

Please indicate with a checkmark the items that you agree to have communicated:

* Your name
* Positive milestones (candidacy exams and thesis defenses passed, scholarships and honours awarded, etc.)
* Your successful publications
* I do not wish to have any information about me communicated

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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