



Please follow the instructions below to complete the essay portion of the online application.

#### Length and Submitting the Essay

- Please limit your response (including both questions) to 2-3 pages double-spaced.
- You will type out two separate responses (one response from each category) please include your question at the beginning of your response. You should have your essays written and ready to “cut and paste” into the online application.

#### **Category 1: Please answer one of the following essay prompts.**

1. Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure or setback. How did it affect you, and what lessons did you learn?
2. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?

#### **Category 2: Please answer one of the following essay prompts.**

1. Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal that impacted you personally and highlights your strengths.
2. Nursing is a service profession. What does this mean to you?

#### Sample Prompts:

Below are *sample* prompts for each of the corresponding questions from above.

- If you withdrew from enrolled courses or your academic performance in the past was less than satisfactory, explain the circumstances OR if you previously applied to the College of Nursing, identify your academic improvements since last application. (Category 1, Question 1)
- Have you been challenged to defend a belief or idea (e.g. social change, equal access, etc?)  
Category 1, Question 2)
- Identification or elaboration of any volunteer opportunities or special skills you would bring to the program (e.g. foreign language fluency, international experience, health care experience, leadership experiences, etc.) (Category 2, Question 1)
- What does the Bon Secours mission and values mean to you on a personal level? (Category 2, Question 2)