

FNP Admission Essay Guidelines

Mercy University educates family nurse practitioners (FNPs) to deliver primary care to diverse populations residing in diverse economic communities. In addition, FNPs need to be cognizant of factors that contribute to the health status of their patients. These factors are social determinants of health (SDH).

In 500 words (**place the word count at the top of the essay under your name**), respond to the following (be as specific as possible):

- 1) Discuss the role of FNPs in primary care delivery?
- 2) Discuss the challenges in primary care today and how FNP can address those challenges.
- 3) What are social determinants of health and how do they contribute to a patient’s health status?
- 4) What role do FNPs play in advocacy and health policy?

Presentation is an important component of this essay. We consider the ability to use graduate level writing, correct grammar, correct spelling, appropriate word choices, appropriate tenses, and adherence to directions as indicators of your ability to communicate effectively and professionally.

The rubric below details how nursing faculty will evaluate admission essays.

Content	Grading Criteria	Points
Understanding the FNP Role in Primary Care.	Excellent understanding the FNP role and delivering primary care.	4
	Good understanding the FNP role and primary care	3
	Poor understanding of the FNP role and primary care	1
Understands social determinants of health (SDH)	Excellent understanding of SDH	4
	Good understanding of SDH	3
	Poor understanding of SDH the FNP role and primary care	1
Understands the FNP role in advocacy and policy	Excellent understanding the FNP role and delivering primary care.	4
	Good understanding the FNP role and primary care	3
	Poor understanding of the FNP role and primary care	1
Essay Format	Essay is articulate, well organized, excellent transitioning and sequencing of information. Exceeds expectations.	4
	Essay is clear, well organized, good transitioning and sequencing of information. Meets expectations.	3
	Essay lacks at least one of the following: clarity, organization, transitioning, and sequencing of information.	2
	Does not meet expectations. Essay unclear, disorganized, no transitioning and/or sequencing of information	1

Writing Mechanics Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling	Consistently applies graduate level writing and professional vocabulary. Essay is grammatically correct in most paragraphs (proper spelling, correct tense, word choices, and no typos).	4
	Applies graduate level writing and professional vocabulary most of the time. Essay has 1-2 grammatical errors (spelling, correct tense, word choices, and some typos).	3
	Applies graduate level writing and professional vocabulary most of the time. Essay has 3-4 grammatical errors (spelling, correct tense, word choices, and many typos).	2
	Does not apply graduate level writing and professional vocabulary. Essay poorly written, difficult to read with numerous grammatical errors (spelling, correct tense, word choices, and typos).	1
Follows directions: Word count listed at top of essay. Essay is 500 words, slightly more or less	Follows directions: word count listed and answers all the questions.	2
	Does not follow directions: word count not listed and did not answer all the questions	0
Max Total Points: 22		