

## Application Check-List

(For applicant use only – Do not return to YSN)

### DEADLINE: Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing = November 1st

(Applications and materials postmarked after November 1st will not be considered.)

### DEADLINE: MSN for R.N. = November 1st – March 1st (rolling admissions)

(Applications and materials postmarked after March 1st will not be considered; you are encouraged to meet the Nov 1 deadline.)

**NOTE: It is your responsibility to ensure that all application materials arrive at YSN in a timely fashion. The YSN Office of Admissions is not responsible for lost or misdirected materials. Incomplete application files will not be considered for the upcoming academic cycle. Please ensure that you use the correct mailing address (P.O. Box 9740) or overnight delivery address (100 Church Street South).**

Please complete and submit the following:

- Application form (submitted online through the following website: <https://www.applyweb.com/apply/yalenurse/menu.html>)
- Non-refundable application fee of \$65.00 (paid electronically through the above website).
- Résumé/curriculum vitae
- Admissions essay (see attached instructions)
- One official transcript from EVERY college, university, or professional school which you have attended.
  - Transcripts of degrees completed at non-U.S. universities must be evaluated by a credentialing agency such as World Education Services ([www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org)) or Educational Credential Evaluators ([www.ece.org](http://www.ece.org)).
  - Non-English transcripts must be accompanied by an official English translation.
- Official Graduate Record Examination General Test score report (GRE). The YSN institutional code is 3998.
  - For GEPN: **MUST TAKE GRE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31st.**
  - Make arrangements as early as possible by visiting <http://www.gre.org>
- Official TOEFL or IELTS score report. **If your native language is not English and you did not complete a bachelor's or master's degree in the U.S.** you must submit an official score report from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). **GEPNs must take the test by October 31st.**
  - Arrangements to take the TOEFL can be made at <http://www.toefl.org>
  - Arrangements to take the IELTS can be made at <http://www.ielts.org>
- Three letters of recommendation with the YSN recommendation form. **(Extra references are discouraged.)**

An instructional form (print double-sided if possible) should be given to each person preparing a letter. Please seek references from individuals who are or have been in a position to objectively evaluate academic or work performance. **(Letters on-file at your college or university can be used in lieu of one reference, even if the file contains more than one letter.**

The following guidelines should be used in seeking references:

- a. If you have been out of school two years or less, submit two academic references and one professional reference.
- b. If you have been out of school longer than two years, submit one academic reference and two professional references.

It is important to submit an academic reference, if at all possible.

**NOTE: DO NOT SUBMIT ADDITIONAL MATERIALS SUCH AS BOOKS, CDs, PHOTOS, ARTICLES, LETTERS, AWARDS, RESEARCH PAPERS, ETC UNLESS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY YSN STAFF.**

Please direct all inquiries to:

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## Admissions Essay

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Please address the following items in one comprehensive essay, discussed in the order listed, limiting your entire essay to two pages (single-spaced) using a font size that is easily read, 11-12 characters per inch. This essay is evaluated on the basis of composition, clarity of thought, ability to follow instructions, and responses to the following questions. Please answer each question thoroughly; do not skip any question or portion of a question.

1. Discuss the development of your interest in graduate education in nursing, specifically:
    - Why are you choosing to pursue a career as an advanced practice nurse in a given specialty, such as midwifery, acute care nurse practitioner, pediatric nurse practitioner, etc.? Why have you chosen this career rather than an advanced degree in another health field?
    - Describe observations or work experiences you have had with advanced practice nurses in this specialty and how those experiences have influenced your decision.
    - How does your background relate to this decision?
  2. Describe your interactions with people in regard to health issues, illness or in crisis situations and how those events contributed to your decision to pursue graduate nursing education.
  3. Discuss your familiarity with the research process and its relevance to advanced practice nursing. If you have had specific research experience, describe the project and the extent of your participation. Undergraduate and independent study projects may be included.
  4. Advanced practice nursing requires the not only the ability to assess patients and situations, but also personal insight and reflection. Please provide a balanced assessment of your personal characteristics including strengths, weaknesses, and areas you are working to improve. Describe how these characteristics influence your individual and group interactions, with particular emphasis on your interpersonal style, leadership, and membership qualities, and those characteristics that influence the way others view you.
  5. Describe responsibilities that you expect to continue or assume, such as part-time work, etc., in addition to your role as a student.
  6. Describe significant life experiences that have contributed to your development, such as honors, activities, and accomplishments that make you a unique applicant. Be sure to include cross-cultural experiences, travel, hobbies, etc. that might influence your contributions to advanced practice nursing.
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