



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**MAINE**

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**School of Nursing**

**Graduate School Essay**

**Instructions:**

- Choose one topic from prompts 1-4
- Limit your response to no more than 2 pages, single spaced
- Support essay with any evidenced-based resources
- Include interested role, your motivation and goals

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**Essay Prompts:**

1. Describe your experience as a nurse leader using evidence-based examples that focus on communication, influence, change management or collaboration
2. Describe an experience where you provided holistic, compassionate, and respectful care in partnership with a patient and their family that facilitated shared-decision making that resulted in the promotion of safe and effective outcomes. Use evidence-based examples to support your response.
3. Describe a specific experience when you identified, integrated and evaluated current evidence and research findings with your clinical expertise to inform practice decisions that resulted in a quality outcome. Use evidence-based resources to support your response.
4. Describe your experience with teamwork and collaboration. Use evidence-based resources to support your response.

***In addition*, include the following information on role in your essay:**

Describe the role of the Master's prepared nurse (Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator, Nurse Leader/Executive, or Individualized), and your motivation and goals once you graduate if known.

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