



BOSTON COLLEGE

Connell School of Nursing

Goal Statements

Master's and DNP applicants:

Please respond to the two prompts outlined below as they pertain to your goals. The responses should be typewritten, double-spaced, and limited to one and one-half pages for each prompt. The essays are very important to the Admission Committee's deliberations. They allow the committee to assess your personal goals, your reasons for pursuing this program and career, your commitment to the profession of nursing, and your writing ability.

1. Nursing is both the art and science of human caring. Please elaborate on your reasons for wanting to become a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, nurse anesthetist, or advance your career through doctoral education. Please describe the specialty and/or patient population with which you wish to study and how educational preparation in this specialty will enable you to achieve your future goals and plans.
2. The Boston College William F. Connell School of Nursing is committed to developing the whole person and preparing lifelong learners who will use knowledge in service of others. Please tell us something about yourself that may not have been captured in other parts of the application that demonstrates your personal development as a whole person who is a lifelong learner in service to others.

Ph.D. and MS/Ph.D. applicants:

Please submit a goal statement which will be used as a source of information about your educational objectives and as a sample of your writing ability. The goal statement should be typewritten (double-spaced) and no more than four pages in length.

Your research and educational goals must be congruent with the resources and faculty expertise available at Boston College. We encourage applicants to contact appropriate faculty members to discuss matches in research interests and matching career goals with available educational resources. A listing of current faculty and their research areas can be found on the website.

In your goal statement, please address the following:

1. Describe the area in which you wish to study and do research. Be as specific as possible about the research focus or questions you wish to pursue and indicate its importance to the discipline and its relationship to a program of research. Specifically address the fit between your research and the teaching/research expertise of selected faculty members.
2. If you have had discussions with faculty about your interests in doctoral study, please mention them along with the type of contact (e.g., phone call, conversation at professional meeting, appointment).
3. Please describe your career goals and the relationship of doctoral study to attaining those goals. Relate your research interests to your goals. How do you envision that doctoral study at the Boston College William F. Connell School of Nursing will help you to achieve these goals?
4. Discuss the contributions that you expect to make to nursing after completing doctoral study.