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|  | **Scholarly Paper** (2 pages maximum + title page + reference page) |

**Assignment**

In this part of the course, you have learned about scholarly writing and how to write a paper. For this assignment, you are expected to demonstrate your scholarly writing ability as you reflect on and analyze **your** own **key reasons** for entering nursing.

Consider the following questions to help inform your writing.

Why did you enter the nursing program? Why do you want to become a nurse? How does your reasons relate to the nursing profession? How does the literature support these reasons? Although you will be reflecting on your reasons, you should also analyze these key reasons. For example, when you identify one or two reasons, ask yourself why these reasons? Why are these reasons important to you?

**Academic Integrity**

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**Scholarly Paper – Rubric**

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| **Criteria** |
| **Introduction**:  **Background**   * Background statement that invites the reader into the paper   **1-sentence purpose statement**   * Clear and concise * Comprehensively addresses paper topic * Captures the topic sentences presented   **Brief outline of paper**   * Concise sentence that outlines the logical flow of the paper   **Conclusion**: Thoughtful and insightful |
| **BODY OF PAPER**   * Comprehensive grasp of subject * Reflects on key reason(s) why you entered nursing and want to become a nurse. * Analyzes the key reason(s) you entered nursing and want to become a nurse. * Explains how these reason(s) relate to the nursing profession. * Capacity for originality, creativity, and critical thinking * Integrates the literature to support your analysis by using at least 2 peer-reviewed journal articles published within the last 10 years. * Ideas are organized and presented logically and fluently * 2-4 topic sentences (summarizing main idea) for each of the 2-4 body paragraphs * Topic sentences focus on a single and distinct idea that relates to your purpose statement * Topic sentences and supporting points are clear in each paragraph * Topic sentences present the broadest view of what you want your reader to understand in the paragraph * Topic sentences and supporting points engage the reader * Supporting points enhance the reader’s understanding of the topic sentences * Logical flow between the topic sentences and the supporting points |
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