

**University of Maine at Augusta**

**BSN Program**

**Supplemental Admission Criteria**

***Students previously dismissed from a Nursing Education Program***

Purpose:

To complete admission eligibility for applicants who have previously attended and been dismissed from a nursing education program. The assessment is conducted to gather information about the applicant's probability of being successful in UMA’s nursing program at the time of application.

This essay is required as part of the students application to the program.

Procedure:

A. Applicant

The UMA Holistic Nursing Program faculty and staff welcomes your admission essay for entrance. Our program focus is that of the mind, body and spirit of our students and staff. Students accepted into this program will learn and practice from the holistic viewpoint in order to encompass both the science and art of nursing for this complex time in history. As holistic practitioners, we recognize that there are many reasons that students may fail and those encompass a person’s mind, body and spirit. The admission essay should be a formal, one-page letter that includes the reason(s) for your previous program failure and detail how this affected your mind, body and spirit. Also, include the actions you have taken to address those reasons, and actions taken to strengthen your mind, body and spirit to ensure your future success.

a. Complete and electronically submit an essay (500 word maximum) addressing the following topics using the above description as a guide:

1. Describe the academic and personal barriers that contributed to previous difficulties in your nursing journey.
2. Describe in detail how these academic and personal barriers affected your mind, body and spirit.
3. Provide a detailed list of actions you have taken to address these academic and personal issues.
4. Provides a list of specific actions taken to strengthen your mind, body and spirit to ensure your future success.

b. Submit the document electronically to umaadm@maine.edu.

B. Review Committee

* 1. Committee members will consist of at least two faculty members in consultation with the Director of Admissions and the Coordinator of Nursing Education.
  2. The review will be a blind review.
  3. Committee members will review written essays within the readmission time frame as outlined in the BSN handbook (no less than 65 days from prior dismissal if dismissed from UMA and within admission timeframe for students previously enrolled in a program outside of UMA)
  4. Applicants may be contacted for an interview appointment if deemed necessary.
  5. Committee members will provide recommendations for admission to the Coordinator and Director of Admission within 2 weeks of essay review.

C. Decisions

a. Applicant essays will be evaluated according to the criteria identified on the rubric. b. Applicant’s score should be at 77% or above to be considered for admission to the UMA BSN Nursing Program.

c. Applicants will be notified of admission decisions a minimum of 4 weeks prior to start date.