

The Marketing, Recruitment and Admissions (MRA) Committee requires each candidate seeking admission to Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Hospital submit an admission essay along with their application materials. The guidelines below must be followed when developing the essay.

Candidates should address the following:

- Why do you want to become a professional nurse?
- What experiences have influenced your decision?

Essay format:

- Essay must include a well-defined introduction, body and conclusion
- Essay may not exceed 500 words

Essays will be scored by MRA Committee members using the rubric below. Candidates should carefully review their essay prior to submission to ensure quality.

Admission Essay Scoring Rubric

Criteria	Above Average <i>(2 points each)</i>	Average <i>(1 point each)</i>	Below Average <i>(0 points each)</i>
Mechanics <i>(spelling, punctuation, grammar, syntax)</i>	Contains minor errors with essay mechanics <i>(minor = 0-3 errors)</i>	Contains moderate errors with essay mechanics <i>(moderate = 4-6 errors)</i>	Contains many errors with essay mechanics <i>(many = 7+ errors)</i>
Development <i>(introduction, body, conclusion)</i>	The essay is clearly developed and contains an introduction, body and conclusion	The essay is moderately developed and is missing either an introduction, body or conclusion	The essay is not developed and does not contain an introduction, body and conclusion
Content	Content is clear and concise with relevant supporting detail	Content is partially clear and concise with some relevant supporting detail	Content is not clear and concise with no relevant supporting detail