Essay Questions
All PhD applicants are asked to respond to the following essay questions. Please submit the responses typed, double-spaced, 12 point font, 1-2 pages per question. MS to PhD applicants are asked an additional question; please see #4 below.

1. Discuss your current area(s) of research interests and goals. Be as specific as possible, about topics, content, variables of interest. Identify your selected area of doctoral focus related to your topic (Human Experience of Health Illness Healing; or Environmental Context and Outcomes). Please identify any faculty members with whom you would like to work in support of your response. [Faculty research interests can be viewed at http://www.nursing.ucdenver.edu/faculty/facultypages.htm.]

2. What factors led you to pursue doctoral study at the University of Colorado Denver College of Nursing at this point in your career? Can you make the commitment to pursue doctoral study in a program that combines on-line courses with intensives?
http://www.nursing.ucdenver.edu/grad/dp.htm

3. What are your short and long term career goals? How will doctoral study enhance these goals?

MS to PhD applicants, please address the following additional question:
4. Do you wish to pursue a specialty in advanced practice nursing during your MS to PhD program, and if so, which specialty would you select, and why?
Note, while a specialty is not required in the MS to PhD program, students who are planning a career as a nurse educator may find the completion of a specialty or post-MS certificate in a specialty helpful to advancing this type of career. Please talk with us about this option. MS specialties may be viewed at:
http://www.nursing.ucdenver.edu/grad/ms_spec_op.htm

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