

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
School of Nursing
Reflective Essay Instructions for the BSN Application

Students applying for admission to the School of Nursing must interview a BSN Registered Nurse of their choice. Students should use the questions below to guide their interview. Students may ask questions in addition to the ones below but should keep the interview limited to no more than one hour. You may paraphrase your questions anyway you wish, but you need to find out:

1. What made this nurse choose nursing?
2. What was nursing school like for him or her? (Ask for some stories about specific experiences s/he remembers).
3. Ask for two or three stories about patients this nurse remembers vividly. What made these patients so memorable?
4. What is the absolute best thing about being a nurse?
5. What is the hardest thing about being a nurse?

After completing the interview, you are ready to answer the reflection question on the BSN application:

Reflect and discuss what your thoughts were about the interview. Did the interview change your perspective on nursing?

Thoughtfully consider the answers to each of the questions you asked in the interview before writing your reflection. Please do not use any identifying information about the patients discussed during the interview in your essay.

The application for the School of Nursing is available to students by clicking on the Online Application button on the School of Nursing website, <http://www.utc.edu/nursing/bsn/admission.php>. Students must be admitted to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga to be eligible to apply for admission to the School of Nursing.