



THOMAS EDISON STATE UNIVERSITY

For DNP Applicants: *Instructions for the Statement of Background and Goals & Essay*

In addition to the DNP application, applicants to the DNP program are required to submit the following:

- Statement of Background and Goals
- DNP Essay

DNP Statement of Background and Goals

The Statement of Background and Goals should be limited to 750 words using APA format and citations where applicable. The written statement should address the following:

- Your professional and personal goals
- Your reasons for selecting the DNP program at Thomas Edison State University
- How you expect the DNP program will help you achieve your goals

This statement is an important part of your application for admission. It allows the DNP admissions committee to evaluate the clarity of your goals and your suitability for the program. In this context, you may wish to briefly summarize any employment, community involvement, personal history, and accomplishments that helped shape your decision. Explain as precisely as possible what you hope to do when you complete the DNP degree.

DNP Essay

Applicants are expected to have prerequisite knowledge and skills to handle complex concepts and communicate clearly about them with stakeholders and professionals from multiple disciplines. To help the DNP admissions committee assess your potential for success in a doctoral program, please answer one of the questions listed below. This scholarly essay should be limited to 750 words, excluding references, and should be written according to the 6th edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. References are not included in the 750 word limit but must be submitted with the DNP Essay.

1. Identify and describe an actual or emerging healthcare issue that affects the health of a population. What approach would you use to assess healthcare needs and how would you implement change at the organizational level to improve healthcare outcomes in this population? Specify resources and best evidence you would use to address this issue as well as stakeholders with whom you would collaborate.
2. Describe your vision on how DNP prepared nurses can serve as leaders who will influence healthcare policies, relevant to a specific population, at the state or national level.

Please proofread your writing, type both documents, and submit them to the Office of Admissions at gradadmissions@tesc.edu. All materials must be received by the application deadline.