Criteria	4 points	3 points	2 points	0 – 1 point
Relevance	The selected	The selected	Marginally addresses	Off-topic or vague
Does the writing effectively distinguish the selected Essential to the student's pursuit of Graduate Education?	<i>Essential</i> is clearly detailed with insightful interpretations of <i>Essential</i> to support pursuing graduate education.	<i>Essential</i> is stated with some integration of <i>Essential</i> to support pursuing graduate education.	selected Essential and lacks integrating the Essential to support pursuing graduate education.	interpretation or integration of selected Essential to support graduate education.
Content clarity Does the writing communicate the selected Essential to future practice?	Content offers significant and specific information about the selected <i>Essential</i> with detailed examples connecting the <i>Essential</i> to future practice as a DNP/MSN educated nurse.	Content offers detailed examples of selected Essential but does not clearly connect selected Essential to future practice as a DNP/MSN educated nurse.	Content is weak and writer needs more focus on selected <i>Essential</i> . Limited examples of <i>Essential</i> to future practice DNP/MSN educated nurse.	Content is off-topic, vague, generic. No clear examples of <i>Essential</i> to future education preparation
Individuality: Does the writing effectively distinguish the author from other applicants?	Writing has a clear voice integrating RN experience, activities, and background to pursuing graduate education. Reveals originality/insights/ personality.	Writing is logical but lacks integrating RN experience, activities, and background with pursuing of graduate education. Reveals some originality and personality.	Writing offers some details of RN experience, but does not leave an impression of originality and personality.	Writing leaves a generic impression lacking information. Examples are dull, vague, or lacking
Writing Style	Concise and well- organized writing. Introduction has a clear statement addressing the topic. Body paragraphs have topic sentences that are logical and fully developed.	Writing somewhat organized and concise. Introduction statement moderately addresses the topic. Body paragraphs are imbalanced and need more development	Writing style is vague and disconnected Introduction lacks statement or is vague about the topic. Body paragraphs lack coherence, direction, topic sentences.	. Writing style is disorganized. No introduction statement addressing topic Body paragraphs lack coherence, direction, and topic sentences
Mechanics of Writing	Writing represents solid command of grammar, spelling, and with logical progression and fluency. Evidence of proofreading	Minor grammatical errors that do not distract from overall fluency of paper. Evidence of some proofreading.	Multiple grammatical errors; overall flow of paper remains intact. Little evidence of proofreading.	Excessive grammatical and spelling errors. Overall poor use of writing mechanics

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