

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

PhD Program in Nursing

Guidelines for Goal Statement

Purpose of the Goal Statement

Faculty members will use the information included in the Goal statement to determine how well your plans match the intent and the resources of the doctoral program.

Instructions

- Please prepare a 3-4 page, double spaced, statement of your goals related to doctoral study at the University of Texas at Arlington School of Nursing. All statements should be typed in 12-point font. Please include your name as a header in the document.
- Email the goal statement as an attachment to PhDinNursing@uta.edu. (IMPORTANT: Please verify the statement is received.) The goal statement must be received in the PhD program office before the interview will be scheduled.
- Your Goal Statement should include the following:
 1. What motivated you to choose to pursue a PhD? Why have you chosen UTA for doctoral study?
 2. Do you have an idea for the topic of your dissertation? If so, please provide a brief summary of your ideas. Describe your expertise and qualifications to explore this research area. Include how you have come to know about this research area and gaps in knowledge.
 3. What are your career goals following graduation?
 4. A faculty research mentor is critical for the successful pursuit of a PhD. After reviewing our faculty members' programs of research, provide the names of four of our faculty members and describe how your research interests align with their programs of research.

Rating of Goal Statement

The Goal Statement will be rated on three areas:

1. Clear, complete, and logically organized statements.
 2. Relevance of expertise and qualifications to explore the research area selected.
 3. Alignment with faculty and programs of research at UTA CONHI.
- Email your Goal Statement to: PhDinNursing@uta.edu (IMPORTANT: Please verify that the statement is received.)
 - Please do **not** send your Goal Statement to UTA Admissions with your application.
 - Submit your Goal Statement **to the PhD Program office** at the same time that you submit your application to the Graduate Program of the University.