

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
School of Nursing
Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN)
Admission Essay

A requirement of the application process is the submission of a brief essay responding to the questions below. This essay should be no longer than three double-spaced pages on 8½" x 11" paper and should be typed, not handwritten. The three areas for discussion are listed below. As you are constructing your essay think about attributes you think would be important to a nurse. Those attributes can include, but are not limited to, cultural humility, self-awareness, inter-personal skills, perseverance & grit, caring & compassion, leadership, flexibility, intellectual curiosity, stress management and communication skills . You will be able to upload your essay as an attachment at the end of the application.

- What do you believe is (are) the role(s) of a nurse in today's healthcare environment? What do you see is your responsibility in caring for patients/clients?
- Please discuss why you feel you are in a position to participate in an accelerated, three semester program versus a traditional, five semester nursing program? What characteristics do you see in yourself that enable you to manage school and other outside competing forces in your life.
 - Discuss "lessons learned" from any previous life/work experiences that have impacted your ability to be successful in this accelerated program.
- Cultural humility is the ability to be open to new ideas and other cultures, while still being true to your own values. Nurses must work effectively with patients and coworkers who come from a wide variety of backgrounds and hold different perspectives. Discuss a specific situation that required you to be open to other people's viewpoints and how that that challenged your core values. How was the specific situation resolved?