# Written interview questions for admission to the DNP program

Please respond in depth to the following interview questions. Faculty who review your answers will be evaluating your writing skills as well as your answers. Evaluators will use a scale of 0-6 (not satisfactory) to 9-10 (excellent) to score each response. Please limit your response to each question to 500 words or less. When you are finished with the interview questions, save this document as a PDF and email it to: [nursing.grad.apps@wsu.edu](mailto:nursing.grad.apps@wsu.edu).

**Applicant Name:**

**RN License #:**

**Email Address:**

**Are you a state waiver candidate***?*

*(Under the State Employee Tuition Waiver program, all or a portion of the tuition and services and activities fees for state employees, teachers, other certified instructional staff, and K-12 classified staff may be waived. The program has many limitations, including that registration is on a space available basis ONLY. We MUST register admitted students who pay through traditional means first. With the number of high qualified applicants we receive each year, it is important for you to understand it is highly unlikely we would have a waiver spot open.)*

1. Describe a situation and reflect on how it changed your understanding of the social determinants of health and influenced your practice. **Include a minimum of 2 scholarly citations in APA format to support your response.**
2. How have your prior professional nursing experiences prepared you to become a (insert: ***primary care family nurse practitioner; psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner; population health nurse with advanced education; DNP prepared nurse)*** and achieve your career goals?
3. What attributes do you possess that will contribute to organizational and systems leadership to improve healthcare outcomes?
4. Why do you intend to pursue the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree? Describe your understanding of the degree, your strengths for success as a DNP student and areas for growth.
5. Why did you choose to apply to Washington State University?