Essay for Admission to the NDSU Professional Major

Purpose
The NDSU Admission and Academic Progression Committee recognize that there are many factors which make an outstanding nurse. A trial was conducted using both an interview and an essay. The Committee identified the essay to better compare and differentiate candidates in a more objective manner than an interview. In 2010, the essay was implemented.

Process
Set up a time on the Doodle page to complete the essay. When you arrive you will check in by presenting a form of photo identification (such as driver’s license or student ID). The directions for the essay and question will be provided to you at that time. Once you have completed the essay, it will be printed or saved with assistance from the essay proctor. The essay will be completed on a PC computer.

Audience
Essays should be written in a professional manner and in third person (he, she, they, or the student).

Format
The essay will be one page, double spaced with one inch margins and 12 point Times New Roman font. The student identifier for the essay will be the student’s NDSU ID number.

Contents
The Essay should contain an Introduction, Body, and Summary.
   The introduction introduces the topic of the paper. It gives the reader a reason for reading the paper.
   The body of the paper states the views or information the student wishes to convey. Be clear. Be concise. Meet the objectives of the assignment.
   In the summary, the student brings the writing to a close. Finish the statement/reflection.

To sign-up for a time, please see the NDSU Nursing website.