



## **For DNP Applicants:**

### *Essay Instructions*

In addition to the DNP application, applicants to the DNP program are required to submit the following:

- DNP Essay

#### **DNP Essay**

Applicants are expected to have prerequisite knowledge and skills to handle complex concepts and communicate clearly about them with stakeholders and professionals from multiple disciplines. To help the DNP admissions committee assess your potential for success in a doctoral program, please answer the questions below. This essay should be limited to 750 words, excluding references, and should be written according to the 7th edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. References are not included in the 750 word limit but must be submitted with the DNP Essay.

#### **Essay Part I**

Describe your professional and personal goals, including the reasons for your selecting the DNP Program at Thomas Edison State University.

#### **Essay Part II**

Identify and describe an actual or emerging healthcare issue that affects the health of a population. What approach would you use to assess healthcare needs and how would you implement change at the organizational level to improve healthcare outcomes in this population? Specify resources and best evidence you would use to address this issue as well as stakeholders with whom you would collaborate. Describe your vision on how DNP prepared nurses can serve as leaders who will influence healthcare policies, relevant to a specific population, at the state or national level.

#### **Essay Part III**

Describe how you have demonstrated competency as a leader in your practice area. Provide an example about how you have demonstrated critical thinking for a situation that arose in practice which required immediate resolution.

Please proofread your writing and upload them to the Office of Admissions:  
<https://eforms.tesu.edu/appnet/ADM5.html>