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Dear Prospective Nursing PhD Student:

Thank you for your interest and application to the PhD in Nursing Program at New Mexico State University. The program at NMSU focuses on health disparities with an emphasis on the issues and problems that exist along the US/Mexico border. Graduates are qualified to assume a variety of academic and nursing research positions throughout the region and nation. The basic program of study for a full time student includes two full years of coursework (that includes summers) followed by dissertation coursework. In addition to the criteria listed below, every student is required to be on campus for a week each year. Students who are selected for the 2013 PhD Cohort are required to be on campus May 21nd thru May 24th 2013 for a mandatory session. This session is part of a 1- credit research symposium that extends through the summer. Please be aware that there are no face-to-face classes except for the summer sessions and all coursework is delivered through an extensive web-based system.

The criteria for admission include: eligibility for admission to the NMSU Graduate School (as described on pages 2-5 of the Graduate Catalog available online at: <http://gradschool.nmsu.edu/>); a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree from an accredited college or university with a GPA 3.0 or above; a graduate level statistics course needs to have been taken and completed within the past 5 years of application to the program; and completion of the Graduate Nursing Application packet. Please note that GRE test scores are not required for admission. If your Cumulative GPA and Nursing GPA are below a 3.0, you must provide a justification for why you think you should be admitted. Describe the plans for your success in the PhD program which includes strategies and resources to complete the necessary requirements.

*Please note that no credit for transfer in of courses older than 7 years upon admission or application for degree can be considered. See NMSU graduate catalog for further details.

The enclosed documents are designed to facilitate your application process. Also included in the packet are helpful hints on developing your letter of intent and the necessary professional articles for the writing exercise. All materials should be provided to the School of Nursing Graduate Program no later than February 15th, 2011 for priority admission & initial selection. Follow the guidelines for admission at <https://prospective.nmsu.edu/graduate/apply/>. When all materials are received, you will be scheduled for an interview with a member of the graduate nursing faculty. This is an opportunity for you to clarify your research focus area and to learn more about the doctoral program. Notification of acceptance is anticipated to occur not later than March 20nd, 2013. As you put your packet together, please pay special attention to placing items in the correct envelopes you are sending out. **Remember, official transcripts need to be sent directly from the institution(s)** you attended to the Graduate School and School of Nursing. This helps us work with the Graduate School rapidly process all documents. We cannot accept transcripts delivered directly from the applicant. If you are having difficulty with any part of this process, just contact us at 575-646-7770 or email Dr. Kathleen Huttlinger (khuttlin@nmsu.edu), PhD Coordinator or Karen Pech (kpech@nmsu.edu), Graduate Advisor.

Sincerely,

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