

# Idaho State University School of Nursing

## Proctored Essay Schedule/Instructions

*Fall 2009 Bachelor of Science in Nursing Application*

Applicants must select a time and date from the schedule below and reserve a seat at least one day in advance. Seats for Monday essay writing must be reserved on the previous Friday. Call 208-282-2132 or e-mail [profnurs@isu.edu](mailto:profnurs@isu.edu) no later than August 28 to reserve a seat for the proctored essay.

July			August			September		
Wed.	7/1	8-10 am	Mon.	8/17	8-10 am	Wed.	9/2	8-10 am
Thurs.	7/9	2-4 pm	Wed.	8/19	2-4 pm	Fri.	9/4	2-4 pm
Fri.	7/17	1-3 pm	Fri.	8/21	11-1 am	Tues.	9/8	11-1 pm
Mon.	7/20	8-10 am	Tues.	8/25	2-4 pm	Thurs.	9/10	8-10 am
Tues.	7/28	2-4 pm	Thurs.	8/27	8-10 am	Fri.	9/11	2-4 pm
			Mon.	8/31	11-1 pm			

### Instructions and Objectives

1. All proctored essay writing sessions are scheduled in the Beckley Nursing Building Computer Lab – Room 219. The Beckley building is located on the ISU Pocatello campus. A map of the campus is located on the ISU homepage at: <http://www.isu.edu/websec/exports/isumap/printableISUmap.pdf>.
2. **Applicants must present a photo ID upon arrival at the essay writing session.**
3. Applicants are given one hour to complete a one-page essay **based upon a paragraph of information provided at the scheduled appointment.**
4. Read the bulleted list of objectives carefully. The objectives for the essay are based upon how the applicant's values, beliefs, experiences, and anticipated professional nursing practice can positively influence issues related to health care disparities. The objectives are the basis for scoring the essay. The objectives are an assessment of the applicant's ability to:
  - Interpret written instructions,
  - Communicate in writing,
  - Think critically,
  - Self-reflect,
  - Integrate past experiences into personal growth,
  - Incorporate the personal significance of health care disparities in the 21<sup>st</sup> century to professional nursing.
5. The essay is to be written in Microsoft Word on the computers provided (use of personal laptops are not permitted).
6. Spell-check and the thesaurus in Microsoft Word are allowed.
7. Use of the internet, personal notes, or other resources is not allowed. The specific essay instructions will be provided to each applicant at the scheduled writing session.
8. If the essay exceeds one page, only the first page will be evaluated.
9. The required format is:
  - Times New Roman font size 12,
  - Double spaced between each line,
  - One inch top, bottom, left, and right margins,
  - First and last name in the upper left corner as a header.