GOAL STATEMENT COVER SHEET

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TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

Please submit this cover sheet along with your goal statement to the address listed above. Goal Statement instructions are listed below by program.

Social Security Number ☐☐☐ ☐☐ ☐☐☐☐

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

LAST FIRST M.I. MONTH DAY YEAR

FOR TRADITIONAL MASTER'S, RN/MS, MS/MBA, MASTER'S COMPLETION, ADDITIONAL SPECIALTY CONCENTRATION, AND NURSE ANESTHESIA

Please submit a goal statement pertaining to your career objectives which will be used as a source of information regarding your expectations and as a sample of your writing ability. Include:

- Purpose for applying for graduate study
- Choice of specialty and role
- Future Plans

Specifically address how your choice of specialty is congruent with your future plans. Any additional information that may be useful in evaluating your application for graduate study may be included. Please be as clear and specific as possible. The goal statement should be typewritten with your name included at the top of each page. Do not exceed two double-spaced, typewritten pages.

FOR MASTERS ENTRY APPLICANTS

Please submit two essays pertaining to your goals by responding to the two questions below. The essays should be typewritten, double-spaced, and limited to one and one-half pages for each essay. The essays are very important to the Admissions Committee's deliberations. They allow the committee to assess your personal goals, your reasons for choosing advanced practice nursing as a career, your commitment to the profession of nursing, and your writing ability.

1. Describe personal experiences that have contributed to your desire to seek a career in nursing. What types of contributions do you think you will be able to make to the nursing profession?
2. Elaborate upon your reasons for wanting to become an advanced practice nurse (a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist). Describe the specialty and/or patient population you wish to study and how educational preparation in this specialty will enable you to achieve your future goals and plans.

FOR PHD APPLICANTS

Please submit a goal statement which is used as a source of information about your educational objectives and as a sample of your writing ability. The goal statement should be typewritten (double-spaced), no more than four (4) pages. Please number all pages, and include your name and social security number at the top of each page.

The Connell School of Nursing PhD brochure and website describe potential areas of study. Your research and educational goals must be congruent with the resources available at Boston College. We strongly urge a conference with an appropriate faculty member to assist in matching your career goals with available educational resources. Please contact the Graduate Programs Office for names of faculty with whom you might discuss your interests. If you are not nearby, telephone discussion might suffice.

Your goal statement should include the following information:

- The area in which you wish to study and do research. Be as specific as possible about the research question(s) you wish to pursue including its importance to the discipline and its relationship to a program of research. Indicate the area of concentration in which you are interested: ethics, ethical judgement and decision making, nursing diagnostic/therapeutic judgement, and/or life processes/selected human response patterns in health and illness. Specifically address the fit between your research interests and the teaching/research of faculty members' activities within one of the areas of concentration.
- If you have had discussions with faculty about your interests in doctoral study, please mention them, together with the kind of contact (e.g. conversation at professional meetings, preparation of fellowship application, or appointment to discuss resources in your area of interest).
- Your career goals and the relationship of doctoral study to attaining those goals. (Relate your research interests to your goals). You should focus on your professional goals and how you envision these goals can be achieves through doctoral study at Boston College Connell School of Nursing.
- The contributions you expect to make to nursing after completing doctorals study