

Graduate Student Recommendation Form



Student Applicant Instructions:

Please request three colleagues to complete the Recommendation Form. Each form should be returned to you (the applicant) in a sealed envelope with the reviewer's signature across the flap for inclusion in your application packet. As you are choosing individuals to write your references, please keep in mind that they need to be familiar with your professional and academic abilities as well as your skills in analytical thinking, writing, and time management. Accordingly, recommendations from supervisors and former educators are welcome.

Dear Sir or Madam,

_____ is applying for admission to the graduate nursing program at
(Applicant Name)
Montana State University. The program is rigorous and requires astute skills in analytical thinking, writing, and time management. Please keep these items in mind as you provide us with important insights about this applicant's potential for success in graduate nursing education.

1. In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant?

2. Please rate the applicant on the following abilities by circling the appropriate number (1=Weak → 7=Strong or unable to assess = U/A). Please provide examples and comments as needed to support your rating.

Characteristic	Weak —————> Strong	Comments:
Critical thinking	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 U/A	
Writing	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 U/A	
Decision-making	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 U/A	
Time management	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 U/A	
Reflection and introspection	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 U/A	
Motivation to learn	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 U/A	
Self-discipline	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 U/A	

3. Please provide any other comments to us you think would be helpful in assessing the applicant's potential for success in graduate nursing education.

4. What is your recommendation related to accepting this applicant into our graduate nursing program?

(Circle one) Highly recommend Recommend Unsure Do not recommend

5. On what do you base your recommendation?

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Position: _____ Credentials: _____

Employer: _____

Please return this completed Recommendation Form to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the flap. Thank you.