



Centre for Postgraduate Nursing Studies

Confidential Referee Report

Your family, partner or close friends are not suitable referees.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT BEFORE GIVING TO REFEREE

Applicant's full name

Name by which previously known (if applicable)

Programme applied for:

Master of Nursing Science (MNSc)

The Master of Nursing Science is a two-year, full-time intensive, integrated programme of study that provides a pathway to nursing registration through a Masters qualification.

Guidelines for Referees

The purpose of this report is to get comments on the suitability of the applicant to undertake the programme as indicated above. The programme involves academic study at a tertiary level and practical work with people in professional healthcare settings.

- This report is confidential to University of Otago Centre for Postgraduate Nursing Studies admission personnel, and will not be released to the applicant
- This report is carefully considered at all stages of the admissions process
- Please be honest and direct in providing as much information as possible
- Referees should not be relatives of the applicant
- Please return this form as soon as possible, as applicants are disadvantaged if their referee reports are not returned promptly
- Please return the completed form to the MNSc administrator: nursing.science@otago.ac.nz or you can use the Freepost address below:

Freepost 207683
MNSc Admissions
Centre for Postgraduate Nursing Studies
University of Otago Christchurch
P O Box 4345
Christchurch 8140
New Zealand

Referee contact details

Name

Phone

Address

How long have you known the applicant?

In what capacity have you known the applicant? (e.g., teacher, employer, church leader, etc.)

I consider I know the applicant well enough to complete this form. Yes No To some extent

Personal Qualities

Please comment on the applicant's particular personal qualities by ticking the appropriate box.

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Causing Concern
Leadership					
Co-operation					
Health					
Temperament					
Maturity					
Social Skills					
Adaptability					
Perseverance					
Initiative					
Reliability					
Integrity					

In your opinion, has the applicant the determination and stamina needed to cope with the programme of study they have applied for?

Yes No Unable to comment

Comments

Do you consider that the applicant has an understanding of, and sensitivity towards, equity issues? (e.g., sexism, racism, disabilities)

Yes No Unable to comment

Comments

Communication skills/ability to relate

Does the applicant have the ability to communicate clearly? Yes No Unable to comment

Comments

Have you had the opportunity to observe the applicant's ability to relate to people, particularly

Children

Adolescents

Adults

Older People

If so, what were your impressions?

Community/sporting/cultural involvement

Comment on the applicant's involvement/interests.

Academic

In your opinion, is the applicant capable of coping with this programme of tertiary study?

Yes

No

Unable to comment

Comments

General

Is there anything you think the admission panel should discuss with the applicant?

Would you be happy to have the applicant care for members of your family? Why or why not?

Are there any special personal circumstances which the admission panel should know when considering this applicant?
Please identify positive and negative aspects.

As part of the Vulnerable Children Act 2014 we are required to ask the following question. Is there any reason why the University should have concerns about the applicant's suitability for working with children?

Overall recommendation

I recommend the applicant as an excellent prospect

I recommend the applicant as a good prospect

I have some reservations but would recommend the applicant as a suitable prospect (Indicate reservations in the space provided below)

I have some reservations and would prefer to be contacted

I think the applicant is unsuitable (Indicate concerns in the space provided below)

Please add any further comments you would like to make, in support of your overall recommendation, e.g., medical/health, personal qualities, additional skills/training, general suitability, personality traits, interpersonal and/or communication skills, experience that has not been covered in the body of this report.

Signed

Date

Thank you for your assistance. Please return the completed form as soon as possible.
An application cannot be processed without this form.