



**Reference Form**  
**Master's of Science in Nursing Program**  
**Mercy College of Nursing and Health Sciences**  
**Southwest Baptist University**

Request for professional reference for: \_\_\_\_\_

The Admissions Committee of the Southwest Baptist University, Mercy College of Nursing would appreciate your candid appraisal of this applicant to our masters' degree program. Once you have completed the form, please place it in an envelope, sign your name on the sealed flap, and return it to the applicant. Thank you!

1. How long and in what capacity have you known this applicant?

Please use the following scale to rate the applicant:

- 1 - Below Average
- 2 - Average
- 3 - Above Average (in upper 25%)
- 4 - Outstanding (comparable to the best advanced practice nurses, highest 10%)
- NA - Unable to Evaluate

	1	2	3	4	NA
Potential for success in the master's program.					
Clinical skills.					
Interpersonal skills with peers.					
Interpersonal skills with supervisors.					
Interpersonal skills with clients.					
Ability to work with others.					
Accountability for own behavior.					
Intellectual independence.					
Motivation.					
Professional behavior.					
Creativity.					
Ability to express ideas clearly orally and in writing.					
Analytical thinking ability.					

1. Some gifted individuals have mediocre scholastic records. In your opinion, is the applicant's scholastic record an accurate index of his/her scholastic ability?

Yes     No     Have no knowledge of scholastic record.

If "No," please explain briefly noting activities such as the applicant's performance in independent study or participation in research.

2. Do you know of any matters related to character, integrity, ability to accept responsibility, or other such concerns that might limit the applicant's activities or would be helpful to faculty in planning the applicant's master's program?

No     Yes    If yes, please explain.

3. Please provide your assessment of the applicant's promise as a master's student in the space provided below or as an attachment. Include the applicant's previous accomplishments, intellectual independence, motivation, creativity, ability to express ideas clearly (both orally and in writing), capacity for analytical thinking, ability to work with others, clinical skills, integrity, and other pertinent areas.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print or type): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you for additional information?:    Yes     No: