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4. Minimum 3.00 undergraduate GPA and minimum 2000 hours of RN experience
5. (3) Professional Recommendations
6. Curriculum Vitae or Resume
7. Autobiographical statement of goals and objectives
8. Interview with faculty

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