

## Explanation Exhibit A

### **A. The institution has admission criteria and policies, including a non-discrimination policy, which are publicly available.**

Admission criteria for graduate students were developed specifically by the Graduate Nursing Committee, which is made up of a subgroup of nursing faculty. Admission criteria was determined to ensure that graduate students meet the standards necessary for success with graduate study. Graduate nursing policies provide benchmarks for progression and retention in the program. The Assistant Director of Graduate Nursing Programs works closely with graduate admissions and the registrar's office to ensure that all materials are accurate and consistent and publically available on the university website. Catalogs are published annually on the University website and reflect academic policies. [Admission criteria](#) for the MSN-NM are consistent with all other MSN admission criteria and are as follows:

*Applicants for the MSN-NM at GC must hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing from a regionally accredited college or university with a grade point average of 2.75 or higher for the last 60 hours undergraduate hours required in the nursing major. Provide evidence of current licensure as registered nurse and eligibility for licensure in Georgia. At least one year of clinical practice is required. Evidence of successful completion of undergraduate level statistic course and physical assessment course.*

The following [non-discrimination statement](#) is included in handbooks and policies as appropriate as they are developed, updated and/or placed online. This includes, without limitation, personnel policies, admissions policies, academic policies, and student affairs policies.

No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status be excluded from employment or participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, under any program or activity conducted by GC.

This is the official policy of the university as approved by the University Senate and the President. Policy: Board of Regents Policy Manual, 8.2.1

<http://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section8/>