

Definitions for Holistic Admissions

Experiences: Activities associated with direct observation of or participation in events or in a particular activity as a basis of knowledge.

Attributes: Qualities or characteristic ascribed to a person.

Service: The act of helping or doing work for an individual or organization either through volunteering or paid performance.

Formal Education: Coursework for, or resulting in, a degree from an academic institution.

Metrics: Metrics are a numbers-based standard used for measurement and evaluation.

Informal Education: Academic pursuits outside of those required for a degree, which can be independent of an academic institution.

Teamwork/Collaboration: Defined as displaying willingness to work with others to complete specific tasks that work toward the completion of a common goal.

Accountability: The willingness to understand, accept, and take responsibility for one's actions/decisions to complete a particular task/goal.

Beliefs and Values: It is vital to respect the inherent dignity, worth, unique attributes, and human rights of all individuals as a fundamental principle. Beliefs and values are defined as convictions of truth related to core beliefs of worth and dignity that guide and motivate attitudes and actions (American Nurses Association, 2015).

Lived Experience: The understanding that experiences contribute to the making (becoming) of an individual, it is unique to each person and it reveals a consciousness about their experiences. (Equity 2030 Workgroup, 2020).
