

Developing an Academic and Professional Network

Name of Student

Institutional Affiliation

1-2 Part 1: Developing an Academic and Professional Network

I have identified and secured the participation of the following academic (at least two) and professional (at least two) individuals and/or teams to form the basis of my network. This network will help me to clarify my vision for success and will help guide me now and in the future.

Directions: Complete the information below for each member of your network. For more than four entries repeat the items below with details of your additional network member(s) in the 'ADDITIONAL NETWORK MEMBERS' section.

NETWORK MEMBER 1

Name: Dr. Emily Tran

Title: Professor of Nursing

Organization: Walden University

Academic or Professional: Academic

Why I selected this individual and/or team and how they will support my success in the MSN program and as a practicing nurse:

Dr. Tran specializes in advanced nursing practices and brings a wealth of knowledge in patient-centered care. Her mentorship will be invaluable in navigating the complexities of my coursework and research, ensuring I apply theoretical knowledge to practical settings effectively.

Notes: Dr. Tran also leads a research group focusing on innovative patient care models, which aligns with my interests.

NETWORK MEMBER 2

Name: John Becker, MSN, RN

Title: Nurse Educator

Organization: HealthBridge Hospital

Academic or Professional: Professional

Why I selected this individual and/or team and how they will support my success in the MSN program and as a practicing nurse:

John has a proven track record in clinical education and staff development. His insights into effective communication and leadership in nursing will enhance my skills in managing nursing teams and fostering a collaborative environment.

Notes: John offers workshops and training sessions that I plan to attend to enhance my practical skills.

NETWORK MEMBER 3

Name: Dr. Lisa Ford

Title: Academic Advisor

Organization: Walden University

Academic or Professional: Academic

Why I selected this individual and/or team and how they will support my success in the MSN program and as a practicing nurse:

Dr. Ford provides guidance on academic development and navigating university resources. Her support is crucial in aligning my academic efforts with my career aspirations, particularly in specialty certifications and advanced clinical training.

Notes: Regular check-ins scheduled to discuss academic progress and professional development opportunities.

NETWORK MEMBER 4

Name: Sarah Gomez, RN

Title: Director of Nursing

Organization: Sunset Care Center

Academic or Professional: Professional

Why I selected this individual and/or team and how they will support my success in the MSN program and as a practicing nurse:

Sarah oversees a large team in a dynamic healthcare environment. Her experience will help me understand the nuances of healthcare administration and patient advocacy in practice, providing a real-world perspective that is critical to my growth as a nurse leader.

Notes: Planning to shadow Sarah for practical insights into nursing leadership and management.

The carefully selected group of individuals will provide a comprehensive support system, enhancing my academic achievements and equipping me with the necessary skills to thrive professionally.