

**Texas Tech University Health
Sciences Center School of
Nursing**
Tips for a Successful

5. References provide a strong indication of your leadership potential, problem solving abilities, and clinical practice. Choose wisely and guide them to stress these areas. References from people who are already in your aspiring specialty are highly desirable.
6. Pay attention to the basics: Read the instructions for the application process very carefully. Be sure you apply to the correct program and track. Be sure all required application materials are received by the deadline date and that the application is entirely complete and submitted by the deadline.
 - Make or use a checklist of all of the materials needed for the application and note the dates