The School of Nursing Council recognizes the need for a ME/NA racial category to be created for use as a racial category on all University documents that collect racial and ethnic demographic data in order to **identify and recognize** the ME/NA community on our campus.

The Middle Eastern and North African (ME/NA) community has historically raised a concern that there is a lack of official recognition of their identity and existence on campus, having to identify as white. In these cases, among others, ME/NA students must identify as white on the Census, CommonApp, Graduate school applications, University job applications.

The School of Nursing Council officially supports all efforts to implement creation of the ME/NA racial category.