The admission policies of the College of Nursing are non-discriminatory. All applicants for admission to the nursing program receive consideration regardless of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, creed, political or religious affiliation, age, sex, marital status, identity as an individual with a handicap or disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran; membership in the National Guard, state defense force or any other component of the military forces of the United States or this state.

A candidate for professional nursing must enter the College of Nursing possessing the essential abilities and skills to engage in any field of nursing. The following abilities and skills* are essential for matriculation:

- **Critical Thinking:** Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.
- **Interpersonal:** Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.
- **Communication:** Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.
- **Mobility:** Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room, to provide general and emergency nursing care such as CPR without an intermediary.
- **Motor Skills:** Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care without an intermediary.
- **Hearing:** Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.
- **Visual:** Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care.
- **Tactile:** Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment without an intermediary.
- **Behavioral:** Behavior demonstrating exercise of good judgment; prompt completion of responsibilities; mature, sensitive effective relationships with patients; ability to adapt to changing environments; ability to function effectively under stress; integrity and motivation.


When requested, the College of Nursing will provide reasonable academic adjustment to otherwise qualified applicants with disabilities. It is the responsibility of the applicant with disabilities to request those adjustments that the applicant believes are reasonable and are needed to execute the essential requirements described above. Requests for academic adjustment should be directed to the Associate Dean of the Undergraduate Program or the Associate Dean of the Graduate Program for the College of Nursing at least eleven weeks before entering the program. Requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.