TECHNICAL STANDARDS

All students applying to the College of Nursing are held to the same technical standards.

Technical standards are intended to constitute an objective measure of a qualified applicant’s ability to meet the program performance requirements.

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| Critical thinking ability for effective clinical reasoning and clinical judgment consistent with level of educational preparation | • Identification of cause/effect relationships in clinical situations  
• Use of the scientific method in the development of patient care plans  
• Evaluation of the effectiveness of nursing interventions |
| Interpersonal skills sufficient for professional interactions with a diverse population of individuals, families and groups | • Establishment of rapport with patients/clients and colleagues  
• Capacity to engage in successful conflict resolution |
| Effective and sufficient communication to facilitate professional interaction | • Explanation of treatment procedures, initiation of health teaching.  
• Documentation and interpretation of nursing actions and patient/client responses |
| Abilities sufficient for movement in various health care environments | • Movement about patient's room, work spaces and service areas |
| Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient for providing safe, effective nursing care | • Calibration and use of equipment  
• Lift or support at least 50 pounds. |
| Ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs | • Ability to respond to monitoring device alarm and other emergency signals  
• Ability to perform physical assessment  
• Ability to determine patient's condition and responses to treatments |