

Standards of General Abilities for Admission, Progression, and Graduation

Specific standards are requisite for admission, progression, and graduation from designated programs in the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. This policy applies to those students enrolled in programs providing direct patient care.

The specific standards encompass functional abilities, as well as the physical and mental stamina, to meet the demands of the healthcare profession. An individual must be able to independently, with or without accommodations, meet the following standards of general abilities:

Observation

The student must be able to:

- Observe and interpret a patient's status
- Detect unsafe environmental conditions
- Accurately document observations

Communication

The student must be able to:

- Communicate effectively both verbally and non-verbally with patients, families, instructors, and fellow students in all program-specific settings
- Interpret and communicate information relevant to patient examination and health assessment
- Maintain accurate patient records

Motor Ability

The student must be able to:

- Obtain the information necessary to complete a physical examination and health assessment
- Perform gross and fine motor movements necessary to provide safe patient care
- Develop psychomotor skills necessary to perform and assist with technical procedures
- Respond promptly to urgent situations and not hinder the actions/abilities of other healthcare team members

If a student should present with any limitation, the case will be reviewed on an individual basis to explore reasonable accommodations.

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