

## **Nursing Program, Cognitive and Sensory Requirements**

Each student must meet objectives and competencies in the following areas in order to be admitted and continue in the nursing program:

### **Vision**

The student must be able to:

- Make visual observations of patient's status
- Detect unsafe environmental conditions
- Possess visual acuity of near clarity of vision at 20 inches or less and far clarity of vision at 20 feet or more

### **Hearing**

The student must be able to:

- Hear spoken verbal communication from others
- Hear sounds used for patient assessment such as breath sounds, blood pressure, apical pulse, and others that would indicate changes in the patient's physiological status

### **Speech**

The student must be able to:

- Utilize clear, effective speech when communicating with patients, families, and the health care team

### **Touch**

The student must be able to:

- Possess the ability to sufficiently access patient pulses, monitor patient skin temperature, assess for edema and other important signs of changes in patient's physiological status

### **Smell**

The student must be able to:

- Detect odors that indicate changes in the patient's physiological status
- Perceive odors that indicate unsafe environmental conditions

### **Reading**

The student must be able to:

- Possess the ability to read and comprehend course materials, patient care documentation, interpret health care facility and university policies

**Writing**

The student must be able to:

- Write in legible documentation style which is readable in the English language

**Movement**

The student must be able to:

- Observe, assess patients, and perform emergency patient care
- Possess full manual dexterity of upper extremities, including neck and shoulders
- Possess unrestricted movement of lower extremities, back and hips
- Touch the floor to remove environmental hazards  
(Examples include: nursing procedures such as bladder catheterizations, parenteral injections, application of restraints, patient hygiene)

**Lifting**

The student must be able to:

- Lift and/or support at least 75 pounds to safely transfer, ambulate, and reposition patient

\*\*If a student should present with any limitation in the above areas, each case will be reviewed on an individual basis. If possible, reasonable accommodations will be made.

**Nursing Student Health Evaluation**

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