

Health & Immunization Record

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PHYSICAL EXAMINATION Yes

## **Technical Standards and Essential Functions for Nursing**

All nursing majors at Stockton University should be able to perform the following skills and behaviors:

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The Stockton University Nursing Program has a responsibility to educate competent nurses to care for their patients (persons, families and/or communities) with critical judgment, broadly based knowledge, and well-honed technical skills. The Nursing Program has academic as well as technical standards that must be met by students in order to successfully progress in and graduate from its programs.

Nursing is a discipline that requires a range of psychomotor and psychosocial skills. Stockton University's Nursing Program ensures that access to its facilities, programs and services is available to all students, including students with disabilities, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12212 (2013) (amended 2008) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 701 et seq. ("Rehabilitation Act"). Stockton University's Nursing Program provides reasonable accommodations to students on a nondiscriminatory basis consistent with legal requirements of the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act. A reasonable accommodation is a modification or adjustment to an instructional activity, equipment, facility, program or serv-1 (t2 (de)4 7 -1. h0)-2 (o s)-1 (t) 3 (a)4 g (e)4 (nt)-du (oda)4 (t)-2 (i)-2 -1 (s)-(r)3 mn and

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student must be able to measure, calculate, reason, comprehend, analyze, integrate and synthesize materials in the context of nursing education and practice. A student must be able to quickly read and comprehend sensitive written material, engage in critical thinking, clinical reasoning and evaluate and apply information in both the classroom and clinical settings. A student must be able to respond promptly to urgent situations that may occur during clinical training activities and must not hinder the ability of other members of the health care team to provide prompt treatment and care to patients.

**Technical Standards:** The following description/examples of technical standards are intended to inform prospective and enrolled students of the standards required to complete the nursing science curriculum.

- 1. These technical standards illustrate the performance abilities and characteristics that are necessary to successfully complete the requirements of Stockton University's Nursing Program. The standards are not requirements of admission into the programs and the examples are not all-inclusive.
- 2. Individuals interested in applying for admission to the programs should review these standards to develop a better understanding of the skills, abilities and behavioral characteristics required to successfully complete the programs. Key areas for technical standards in nursing include having abilities and skills in the areas of: (1) acquiring fundamental knowledge; (2) developing communication skills; (3) interpreting data; (4) integrating knowledge to establish clinical judgment; and, (5) incorporating appropriate professional attitudes and behaviors into nursing practice capabilities.
- 3. Examples of the key areas for technical standards in nursing (acquiring fundamental knowledge, developing communication skills, interpreting data, integrating knowledge to establish clinical judgment, and incorporating appropriate professional attitudes and behaviors into nursing practice capabilities) include the following (adapted from Marks & Bailey, 2014):

To acquire fundamental knowledge, students have the ability to:

- Learn in classroom and other educational settings
- Find sources of knowledge and acquire the knowledge
- Be a life-long learner
- Use and apply novel and adaptive thinking

## To develop communication skills, students have the ability to:

- Communicate sensitive and effective interactions with patients (persons, families and/or communities)
- Communicate for effective interaction with the health care team (patients, their supports, other professional and non-professional team members

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