

Technical Standards

Students must continue to meet the required technical standards of nursing practice. Technical standards reflect the abilities required to provide safe, competent nursing care.

1. Communication skills in speech and writing, in the English language.
2. Speaking ability to be able to converse with a client about his/her condition and to relay information about the client to others.
3. Hearing ability with auditory aids to understand in the normal speaking voice without viewing the speaker's face (to ensure that the nurse will be able to attend to a client's call for help either softly or as a cry) and to hear high and low pitched sounds with a stethoscope.
4. Visual acuity with corrective lenses to identify visual changes in a client's condition or to see small numbers on medical supplies.
5. Strength and psychomotor coordination necessary to perform technical nursing procedures and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (at floor or bed level).
6. Problem solving ability:
 - a. Collect, read and interpret data.
 - b. Use the data to plan and implement a course of action.
 - c. Evaluate the action taken.
7. Physical and emotional ability to adapt to situations necessary to fulfill program requirements.
8. Stamina to fulfill the requirements of the program and the customary requirements of the profession.

Standards of Professional Conduct

Upon entry into the nursing program students are beginning their socialization into the profession and must abide by a strict code of professional conduct. The discipline of nursing requires a high level of academic and personal integrity. Students must adhere to the ANA Code of Ethics and Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice, Louisiana Nurse Practice Act, DCC Student Judicial Code, and Charity School of Nursing Student Honor Code. Students are required to adhere to the policies and procedures of the college, courses and affiliated clinical agencies.

Students are expected to behave in a professional manner at all times while in the classrooms, learning resource laboratories and clinical agencies. An essential behavior of professionalism is developing an attitude of respect. All students are expected to interact in a manner that demonstrates respect for other students, instructors, administrators, clerical staff, agency employees and clients.

Behaviors that demonstrate professionalism include, but are not limited to:

- Attending each class and arriving on time.
- Turning off all electronic devices in class and clinical.
- Refraining from side conversations with peers during class.
- Communicating in a respectful manner.
- Meeting deadlines for all theory and clinical requirements.
- Maintaining confidentiality of clinical information.
- Being culturally sensitive.
- Being receptive to feedback and accepting responsibility for your own learning.
- Adhering to the Honor Code at all times.
- Maintaining professional boundaries.

Print Name _____ **Date** _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____