Core Performance Standards

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, students must be, with reasonable accommodation, physically and mentally capable of performing the essential functions of the program. The Health Sciences/ECE Division faculty adopted the following core performance standards:

**Physical Demands** – The student must be able to:

- Be on your feet 6-12 hours at a time and perform activities that include reaching, balancing, carrying, pushing, pulling, stooping, bending and crouching;
- Lift and transfer adults and children from a stooped to an upright position to accomplish bed-to-chair and chair-to-bed transfers;
- Lift and adjust positions of bedridden patients, including pulling as much as 12 inches toward the head of the bed;
- Physically apply up to ten pounds of pressure to bleeding sites or to the chest in the performance of CPR using hands, wrists and arms;
- Maneuver in small spaces quickly and with ease;
- Perform fine motor skills that require hand/eye coordination in the use of small instruments, equipment and syringes;
- Feel and compress tissues to assess for size, shape, texture and temperature.

**Senses** – The student must be able to:

- Visually read calibrated scales in increments of one-hundredth of an inch in not more than a three inch space;
- Perform close and distinct visual acuities involving persons and paperwork;
- Visually discriminate depth and color perceptions;
- Identify and distinguish odors that are pungent, such as the products of infection or metabolic imbalance (e.g., ketones);
- Respond and react immediately to auditory instruction, requests, signals, and monitoring equipment;
- Perform auditory assessments requiring the distinguishing of variances in sounds (e.g., tones and pitches)

**Attitudes** – The student must be able to:

- Learn to perform mathematical calculation for medication preparation and administration in a timely manner;
- Learn to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing using appropriate grammar, vocabulary, and word usage as well as medical terminology;
- Comprehend verbal and written directions, making correct notations and responding as directed;
- Make proper and timely decisions under stressful and emergency situations.

Submit a Letter of Application to the Nursing Program and provide all specified information by the closing date for application. **ALL** official transcripts must be submitted to the Division Office with the application by the stipulated deadline.