

Louisiana Tech University

Division of Nursing

Core Performance Standards for Admission and Progression

Issue	Standard	Some Examples of Necessary Activities (not all inclusive)
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment, sufficient powers of intellect to acquire, analyze, synthesize and apply information and solve problems.	Anticipate and identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations, develop and implement a nursing plan of care according to process; respond instantly to emergency situations.
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds.	Establish rapport with patients/clients and colleagues.
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.	Explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, document and interpret nursing actions and patient/client responses. Communicate information effectively with others.
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room, maneuver in small spaces, and physical health, strength and stamina necessary to carry out nursing procedures.	Move around in patient's rooms, work spaces, and treatment areas, administer cardiopulmonary procedures. Lift, move, position and transport patients without causing harm, undue pain, and discomfort to the patient or one's self. Transport mobile equipment in a timely and precautious manner.
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.	Calibrate, use and manipulate equipment.
Sensory	Sufficient use of the senses of vision, hearing, touch and smell to assess and evaluate patient conditions effectively in any health care setting.	Hear monitor alarm, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, cries for help. Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, e.g., insertion of intravenous catheter. Detect odors particular to assessment parameters.
Behavioral	Motivation and adaptability adequate for functioning in new environments with multiple stressors.	Adjust and cope appropriately with changes with patient assignments and/or conditions.