

Nursing AA - 3680 & Practical Nursing Cert. - 3270

Mathematics, Science, and Allied Health (MSAH)



Legal, Physical and Emotional Requirements of the Nursing Program and Profession

1. **Act 33 Child Abuse and Act 34 Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Background Check-** These checks are required prior to clinical assignments. Information on how to obtain these clearances will be sent to students selected for nursing clinical courses with their acceptance packet.
2. **Legal Limitation on Qualification for Licensure-** The 1986 Professional Nursing Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Sections 6 and 14.5) states that the Board of Nursing may refuse to license a person who has been found guilty or pleaded guilty to felony charges. The application for licensure asks, "Have you been convicted * of a misdemeanor, felony; felonious act; an illegal act associated with alcohol, an illegal act associated with substance abuse(s)?"

*Convicted includes judgment; admission of guilt; pleas of nolo contendere; probation without verdict; incomplete ARD (Commonwealth of PA, Registered Nurse Examination Application).

Applicants should be aware of this limitation on licensure **prior** to entering the nursing program. Practice of deceit in the application procedure is cause for dismissal from the program.

Nursing Courses and Profession Requirements

Students are required to possess the following abilities:

1. Sufficient mobility to transfer and mobilize the non-ambulatory patient and assist an ambulatory patient. The ability to lift 50 pounds.
2. Sufficient musculo-skeletal control to perform gross or fine motor tasks inherent in required skills; e.g.: the administration of medications; safely carrying a newborn and performing activities of daily living for the patient unable to do so independently.
3. Sufficient visual ability, including peripheral vision, to read medical records, labels on medication containers, calibrations on devices used to make physiological measurements, to complete health assessments of clients and deliver safe care.
4. Sufficient hearing ability to interpret messages not solely based on visual cues, to interpret conversation, and to detect sounds such as heart tones or Korotkoff's sounds.
5. Sufficient speech ability to convey oral messages to assigned patients and to other health team members in English.
6. Sufficient emotional stability to accurately perceive situations influencing the care of assigned patients.
7. Sufficient ability to write using correct grammar, punctuation and spelling in English.

Requests for reasonable accommodation will be considered. You may contact the Nursing Program Director for additional information.

All students accepted to clinicals are required to undergo drug screening prior to the start of clinicals and during the clinical sequence at the laboratory specified by the program.

Student Signature Required-

I have read and understand the **Legal Limitation on Qualification for Licensure** and the **Legal, Physical and Emotional Requirements of the Nursing Program and Profession**. Any questions I have regarding this form have been explained to my satisfaction.

Print Name _____

Date _____

Signature _____