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## **Saint Martin's University Nursing Technical Standards**

All nursing students must meet the Technical Standards of the nursing program, without or without reasonable accommodation to successfully complete the nursing program and provide safe health care. Students interested in applying to the nursing program are encouraged to review the Technical Standards to be familiar with the performance abilities required to be successful in a clinically based nursing program.

All nursing students at Saint Martin's University must be able to perform the following technical skills in order to complete the nursing program.

### **Acquire information:**

- Acquire information from demonstrations and experiences in nursing courses such as lecture, group, and physical demonstrations.
- Acquire information from written documents and computer systems (e.g., literature searches & data retrieval).
- Identify information presented in images from paper, slides, videos, and transparencies.
- Recognize and assess patient changes in mood, activity, cognition, verbal, and non-verbal communication.

### **Use and Interpret:**

- Use and interpret information from assessment techniques/maneuvers such as those involved in assessing respiratory and cardiac function, blood pressure, blood sugar, neurological status, etc.
- Use and interpret information related to physiologic phenomena generated from diagnostic tools (i.e., sphygmomanometer, otoscope, ophthalmoscope) during a comprehensive examination of a client or patient.

### **Motor:**

- Possess psychomotor skills necessary to provide holistic nursing care and perform or assist with procedures, treatments, and medication administration.
- Practice in a safe manner and appropriately provide care in emergencies and life support procedures and perform universal precautions against contamination.

### **Communication:**

- Communicate effectively and sensitively with patients and families.
- Communicate effectively with faculty, preceptors, and all members of the healthcare team during practicum and other learning experiences.

- Accurately elicit information including a medical history & other information to adequately and effectively evaluate a client or patient's condition.

**Intellectual ability:**

- Measure, calculate, reason, analyze, and synthesize data related to patient diagnosis and treatment of patients.
- Exercise proper judgment and complete responsibilities in a timely and accurate manner according to the advanced generalist nursing role.
- Synthesize information, problem solve, and think critically to judge the most appropriate theory or assessment strategy.
- Ask for help when needed and make proper judgments of when a nursing task can or cannot be carried out alone.

**Behavioral:**

- Maintain mature, sensitive, effective relationships with clients/patients, families, students, faculty, staff, preceptors and other professionals under all circumstances.
- Exercise skills of diplomacy to advocate for patients in need.
- Possess emotional stability to function under stress and adapt to changing environments inherent to the classroom and practice settings with or without accommodations.

**Character:**

- Concern for others, integrity, accountability, interest, and motivation are necessary personal qualities.
- Demonstrate intent and desire to follow the American Nurses Association Standards of Care and Nursing Code of Ethics.