

Technical Standards

A qualified applicant is one who meets academic requirements and, with adequate instruction, can meet the required technical standards of nursing practice. Technical standards reflect the abilities required to provide safe, competent nursing care.

The individual must possess sufficient:

- Communication skills in speech and writing in the English language, with some degree of grammatical competence
- Speaking ability to be able to converse with a client about his/her condition and to relay information about the client to others
- Hearing ability with auditory aids to understand 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.
- Visual acuity with corrective lenses to identify visual changes in a client's condition or to see small numbers on medical supplies
- Strength and psychomotor coordination necessary to perform technical nursing procedures (ability to lift at least 20 pounds) and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (at floor or bed level)
- Physical and emotional ability to adapt to situations necessary to fulfill program requirements
- Stamina to fulfill the requirements of the program and the customary requirements of the profession.
- Problem solving ability to:
 - Collect, read and interpret data.
 - Use the data to plan and implement a course of action.
 - Evaluate the action taken.