

University of Saint Francis

**Health Sciences Programs
Technical Standards**

The University of Saint Francis has identified technical standards critical to the success of students in health sciences programs. These standards are designed not to be exclusionary, but to establish performance expectations that will enable students to provide safe patient practice with or without accommodations.

Observation: Students must be able to observe lectures, demonstrations, research and patient situations in the practice of health care professions. Observation is necessary to perform competent health assessments and interventions and necessitates functional use of vision, hearing, tactile and somatic senses.

Communication: Students must have the ability to use multiple communication techniques (verbal, written, nonverbal, group processes, and information technology) that enable them to communicate effectively with clients, teachers and all members of the health care team. They must be able to speak, read and write in English. Students must be able to report to members of the health care team, express appropriate information to others, communicate with sensitivity and teach, explain, direct and counsel clients.

Intellectual, Conceptual, Integrative and Quantitative Abilities: Students must have the ability to measure, calculate, reason, analyze and synthesize data in a timely manner. Problem solving, a critical skill demanded of health care practitioners, requires all these intellectual abilities. Additionally, students must be able to comprehend three-dimensional relationships and understand the spatial relationships of structures.

Motor Skills: Students must possess fine and gross motor function necessary to perform patient assessment and therapeutic interventions. Such interventions require coordination of both gross and fine muscular movements, stamina, equilibrium and functional use of touch and vision.

Behavioral and Social Attributes: Students must possess the emotional health required for full use of their intellectual abilities, demonstration of good judgment, prompt and safe completion of all responsibilities, and development of mature and effective relationships with patients. They must be able to work cooperatively with others, adapt to rapidly changing environments, think clearly and tolerate physically and mentally taxing workloads under stressful situations. Additionally they must demonstrate moral reasoning and ethical behaviors.

Tests and Evaluations: Periodic examinations, both written and practical, are an essential component of the curriculum. In order to progress through the curriculum students must successfully fulfill examination requirements.

Clinical Assessment: Students enrolled in health care programs must demonstrate clinical competency. The process of evaluation of the clinical performance is an essential component of the curriculum and participation in clinical experiences and evaluation are required.

By signing below, I hereby certify that I have read, understand and can fulfill the Health Sciences Technical Standards with or without reasonable accommodation. Based upon these standards, I can complete the (circle appropriate department) Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Physician Assistant, Radiologic Technology or Surgical Technology curriculum, with or without reasonable accommodation. *

_____ Yes

_____ No

Name (print)

Name (signature)

Date

Student ID number

*The University of Saint Francis is committed to providing equal access to all students, including those students with disabilities. Once students are admitted to a health sciences program, they should contact Student Academic Support Services at 260-399-7700 x 6008 if they believe that they may require reasonable accommodation to fulfill the Health Sciences Technical Standards.

Signatures are required on both sides of this form.

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Clinical Requirements Disclosure**

Due to the nature of health sciences programs, ALL students seeking admission to the Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Physician Assistant, Radiologic Technology or Surgical Technology departments are required to acknowledge that they have read, understand and can fulfill the following Health Sciences Clinical Requirements.

Your file will not be complete until this signed form is received.

Clinical Requirements

I understand that I cannot complete a health sciences program if I cannot comply with the clinical requirements. I understand that evidence of positive drug screens, any DUI, driving violations or penalties, crimes such as battery or assault, theft or embezzlement, and drug or other substance abuse-related crimes may make me ineligible to participate in clinical experiences and therefore ineligible to be admitted to a health sciences program.

I have had a positive drug screen.

_____ Yes _____ No

I have had a DUI, Driving violation or penalty.

_____ Yes _____ No

I have been convicted of or am in the process of legal action for battery or assault, theft or embezzlement, drug or substance abuse related crimes.

_____ Yes _____ No

By signing below, I hereby certify that I have read and understand the Health Sciences Clinical Requirements as stated above.

_____ Yes _____ No

Name (print)

Name (signature)

Date

Student ID number

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Please return the signed form in the enclosed envelope to the Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Physician Assistant, Radiologic Technology or Surgical Technology Department as soon as possible.

All students will complete a criminal background check before participating in clinical experiences.