

**State University of New at Canton**  
**Technical Standards Required for Admission to**  
**Practical Nursing Certificate and Associate Degree Nursing Programs**

Technical standards refer to non-academic requirements for entrance to the program. In order to be admitted, candidates must be able to meet these requirements with minimum accommodation.

**Communication:**

Nurses are responsible for conveying information to patients and other health care team members. They are also responsible for much of the client education that goes on in a health care setting. For these reasons, students will be expected to understand and speak English and interact and communicate appropriately with others.

Nurses are responsible for documenting nursing care provided to patients. Students are expected to be proficient in reading English and writing it legibly. They must be able to receive and issue instructions concerning the care of patients without the risk of misunderstanding. They must also have good observation skills and be able to perform accurate calculations.

**Sensory:**

Nurses must have functional use of senses to safely and correctly assess patients and interpret and record data. Students must be able to detect changes in a patient's health status. They must be able to detect sounds heard through a stethoscope and sounds associated with patient monitoring devices.

**Physical:**

A nurse requires good manual and physical dexterity and excellent hand-eye coordination. Students admitted to nursing must be able to ambulate and function in a safe manner.

Motor skills such as lifting, bathing, positioning and transporting patients are required. They must be physically capable of lifting and carrying loads up to 50 lbs. Students should be able to move freely to observe, assess and perform patient care in emergency and non-emergency situations. They should be able to sit, bend, walk and stand for most of the work day and have unrestricted movement of limbs

Manual dexterity and fine motor skills are also necessary. Students will be expected to handle equipment/supplies in a sterile setting as well as perform injections, venipuncture and catheter placement on a variety of patients. Students must be able to perform these tasks without risk of injury to themselves, colleagues or the patient.