

Essential Functions of Nursing Students

The following essential functions are basic cognitive, psychomotor, and affective activities that are essential to the successful completion of the Aspen University BSN Pre-licensure program. Please carefully read the following essential functions and acknowledge you have read and agreed to them by providing your electronic signature below.

CATEGORIES	ESSENTIAL FUNCTION
<i>A nursing student must:</i>	
Motor/Physical Strength	Possess the physical strength to lift a minimum of 25lbs and have the mobility to safely carry out nursing procedures and provide routine and emergency care and treatment to patients of all ages in all assigned health care settings.
Perceptual/Sensory	Use all their senses to make accurate clinical assessments and judgments
Math	Accurately calculate medication/solution dosages and any needed information specific to patientcare.
Behavioral/Interpersonal Relationships/Emotional Stability	<p>Develop mature, sensitive and effective therapeutic relationships with individuals, families and groups of various social, emotional, cultural, spiritual and intellectual backgrounds.</p> <p>Adhere to Aspen University policies, procedures and requirements as described in the university's Academic Catalog, Clinical Handbook, and course syllabi.</p> <p>Demonstrate ethical behavior and academic integrity, including adherence to professional and university Codes of Conduct.</p> <p>Have the ability to pass a background check and meet state board of nursing background check requirements. Confirmed and checked any specific circumstances with the relevant state board of nursing to confirm NCLEX eligibility.</p>
Communication	<p>Communicate effectively and accurately in English using clear speaking, reading, writing, and listening skills, and computer literacy.</p> <p>Use appropriate nonverbal communication.</p>
Problem Solving/Critical Thinking	Collect, analyze, prioritize, integrate, and generalize information and knowledge to make sound clinical judgments and decisions to promote positive patient outcomes.
Program Rigor	<p>Recognize that the rigor of the program requires a minimum student commitment of 35-50 hours/week, including special attention to the effort required to pass course exams, HESI content exams, the Predictor exam, and NCLEX review, remediation, and study.</p> <p>Have not failed out of or been dismissed/removed from a prior nursing program at another institution.</p>
Punctuality/Work Habits	<p>Adhere to classroom and clinical schedules.</p> <p>Complete classroom and clinical assignments and submit them when they are due.</p>
General Health	<p>Understand one may work or participate in a clinical placement environment that puts one at risk for infection.</p> <p>Meet all health and safety requirements to perform patient care in assigned clinical facilities.</p>

By typing my name below, I understand that I am providing my electronic signature and that I have read and agree to the Essential Functions of Nursing Students.

Student Signature:

Date: