



PRE-NURSING HANDBOOK

Traditional BSN Program

Abstract

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Prior to applying to the nursing program at CSU, Bakersfield applicants must:

1. Apply to the university. The university application can be found at [Cal State Apply](#). Graduate students that are seeking a second bachelor's degree in nursing must apply to the university using the graduate application for post baccalaureate admissions.
2. Fulfill the Department of Nursing prerequisite and general education requirements
3. Achieve a minimum GPA of 3.20 in the nursing prerequisite courses.
4. Achieve a minimum GPA of 3.20 in the science and math prerequisite courses.
5. Earn a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) or higher for all prerequisite and cognate courses. A grade of "C-" is not acceptable. Prerequisite and cognate grades below "C" will not be accepted for the nursing application or toward nursing degree requirements.
6. The Department of Nursing strongly recommends that non-CSUB students interested in CSUB's nursing program attend an Information Session. Individual advising appointments can be made after attending a session.
7. Complete all required course work by established deadlines as indicated on the nursing application.
8. Submit a supplemental nursing application through [NursingCAS](#) and including official transcripts and other documentation as applicable during the established nursing application periods.
9. CSUB applicants must either be U.S. Citizens or have permanent residency. Non-U.S. citizens must be able to provide a copy of their permanent residency card.
10. If admitted, sign and return acceptance form by established deadline (indicated in the admission offer)
11. Complete the required background check and drug testing within the time period indicated. Outside agencies that are not contracted with CSUB Department of Nursing cannot be accepted.
12. Complete the post-acceptance clinical requirements by the due date indicated by the Department of Nursing and attend 2 required program orientations

Failure to complete the requirements will result in being administratively dropped and will not continue with enrollment in the nursing program.

The above is a general overview of the admission requirements. The remaining of this handbook includes further details on eligibility requirements and department policies.

Admission Criteria

Admission to the Department of Nursing at CSUB is based on the following criteria. Applicants are ranked based on their GPA in the prerequisites, their science/math prerequisite GPA, their TEAS results, local residence, and continuing CSUB student or CSUB Alum. See the scoring guide at <https://www.csub.edu/nursing/Programs/BSN/ProspectiveApplicants/ApplicationMaterials/index.html>. As of January 2014, the minimum GPA criteria for Fall 2020 application period and beyond include:

1. **Cumulative GPA** – Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 at the time of application.
2. **Overall Nursing prerequisite GPA** – Applicants must have a minimum 3.20 GPA in the following:

<u>Prerequisite Course</u>	<u>CSU GE-Breadth Area</u>
Oral Communication	A1
Written Communication	A2
Critical Thinking	A3
Chemistry: <i>general, inorganic, organic, or integrated (with associated lab if required at the institution where the course was taken)</i>	B1, (B3)
Human Anatomy (with required lab)	B2, B3
Human Physiology (with required lab)	B2, B3
Microbiology (with required lab)	B2, B3
Statistics	A4

(B4 from other institutes)

3. **Science and math prerequisite GPA**-must have a minimum of 3.20 GPA in the following prerequisites: Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Chemistry, and Statistics

Complete List of Nursing Prerequisite Courses

Before entering the first courses in the nursing major, students must complete the 8 prerequisite courses listed below, with a minimum grade of "C" in each course. Prerequisites may not be taken on an optional credit/no-credit basis. The science and statistics prerequisites must be taken within the past ten years.

Course Number	Course Name	Semester Units
BIOL 2210	<i>Human Anatomy w/ Lab</i>	(3)
BIOL 2220	<i>Human Physiology w/ Lab</i>	(4)
BIOL 2230	<i>Microbiology w/ Lab</i>	(3)
CHEM 1000	<i>Foundations of Chemistry</i>	(3)
MATH 1209 or PSYC 2018	<i>Stats in the Modern World or Stat Methods for Research</i>	(3)
COMM 1008	<i>Public Communication</i>	(3)
ENGL 1109	<i>Writing and Research</i>	(3)
PHIL 1019 or SOC 1018	<i>Critical Thinking</i>	(3)

Articulation of Prerequisite Courses

Transfer students should check the course articulation chart at <https://www.csub.edu/nursing/files/ArticulationChart.pdf> or www.assist.org to determine if prerequisite course taken at another California college or university will be accepted to meet CSUB nursing prerequisites.

4. **Cognate Courses-** Although cognate courses are not required for admissions into the program, students are strongly encouraged to successfully complete the courses prior to entrance into the program. For any unmet cognate courses at the time of acceptance to the program, must be taken during the specific semester it is scheduled in the nursing curriculum. A grade of a “C” in cognate course is the minimal grade acceptable for progression into the nursing program or to continue in the nursing program. Cognate courses cannot be taken on a credit/no-credit bases. Cognate courses can be repeated only once for a grade of a “C” or better for a student to enter or remain in the nursing program.

List of Nursing Cognate Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Semester Units
PSYC 1018	<i>Explorations to Psychology</i>	(3)
SOC 1008 or ANTH 1318	<i>Intro to Sociology or Cultural Anthropology</i>	(3)
BIOL 270	<i>Nutrition</i>	(3)
NURS 2190	<i>Lifespan Development</i>	(3)
BIOL 3220	<i>Pathophysiology</i>	(3)

5. **ATI TEAS Exam**-must be completed with results of 72% or better. CSUB Nursing will only consider the first 2 attempts. A retest on the TEAS requires a 14-day grace period from test date to test date. Effective Fall 2017 application period, the newest edition, *ATI TEAS* will be required—previous versions will not be accepted. For more information on TEAS and testing dates offered at CSUB, visit <https://www.csub.edu/nursing/Programs/BSN/ProspectiveApplicants/TEASfaq/index.htm>

Policies Regarding Acceptance to the BSN Program

Transfers from Other Nursing Programs-Pre-Licensure Students/Applicants

A student who has previously enrolled in a nursing program but did not complete the required coursework is considered to be a nursing program continuing transfer student—not a new applicant. Resources are not available at this time to provide additional orientation and course sections that would be required to serve continuing transfer students. The decision has been made by the Chair of the Department of Nursing to not accept any continuing transfer students. A continuing student in this situation must seek permission to apply for entry to the traditional BSN program. Permission is granted by the Undergraduate Programs Committee (UPC). To petition for entry as a new applicant, the following must be submitted: (1) Letter of good standing from the nursing program director/chair previously enrolled in, (2) Official transcripts from all colleges attended, and (3) A typed letter addressed to the Undergraduate Programs Committee requesting to seek permission to apply for a seat in the traditional BSN program. Requests are reviewed on a case by case bases with consideration to student's academic progress and potential for success in the CSUB BSN program. An application to the nursing program can only be submitted after permission has been granted by the UPC and will follow the standard application process of a new applicant.

Class Withdrawals

Effective Fall 2012, applicant's record of course withdrawals (where a "W" was earned) will be considered when assessing eligibility to apply to the nursing program. It must be noted that this policy varies from the university's course withdrawal policy but is part of the CSUB Department of Nursing impacted criteria (Impacted Request 2011).

In order to be eligible to apply to the nursing program and be considered, applicants must **not** earn a "W" in more than 19 semesters or 28 quarter units in **all coursework ever enrolled in**. A complete withdrawal from one term will not count against the 19 semester or 28 quarter unit's maximum limit. Withdrawals with a "W" that occurred five or more years prior to applying to the nursing program will not be considered.

Repeated Prerequisite Courses

The Department of Nursing defines a repeated course as taking the prerequisite or cognate course a second time. Repeats in the prerequisites may only be considered if a minimum of a "C" was not earned in the prerequisite course or the equivalent. A prerequisite is defined as any course that would meet a specific nursing requirement.

The Department of Nursing will allow applicants to repeat a maximum of two (2) prerequisite courses only one time. The repeats are allowed in one (1) science and one (1) non-science prerequisite. Effective F15 and beyond, this policy applies to the following courses determined to be equivalent:

- Anatomy with Lab (minimum 3 semester or 4 quarter units),
- Physiology with Lab (minimum 4 semester or 5 quarter units),
- Microbiology with Lab (minimum 3 semester or 4 quarter units),
- **One** general organic, inorganic or combination chemistry with Lab (minimum 3 semester or 4 quarter units),
- Intro to Statistics (minimum 3 semester or 4 quarter units),
- English Composition (minimum 3 semester or 4 quarter units),
- Communications (minimum 3 semester or 4 quarter units),
- Critical Thinking (minimum 3 semester or 4 quarter units),

Chemistry: CSUB Nursing requires one lower-division Chemistry that can include any combination of general, inorganic, organic, integrated chemistry (CSU Area B1) with associated lab if required from the college/university it was taken. If multiple Chemistry courses were taken, the second attempted Chemistry course will be used for eligibility. Taking multiple Chemistry courses count as a repeat in the science prerequisite.

Cognate course repeated are accepted and must be passed with a “C” or better on the second attempt.

- Explorations in Psychology
- Intro. to Sociology or Cultural Anthropology
- Nutrition
- Lifespan Development
- Pathophysiology

Eligibility/Prerequisite Course Failure Policies

A prerequisite is defined as any course that will meet a specific nursing requirement. Students are ineligible to enter to program if the following failure progression occurs:

1. Achieve less than a “C” twice in the same required prerequisite or cognate course

Military – Reserved Seats

On April 30, 2009, CSUB Nursing faculty approved a proposal to reserve two positions for active or recently honorably discharged military personnel who are committed to attending the nursing program at CSUB. Military personnel or veterans must meet higher base standards than the impacted criteria require.

Military applicants must have:

- A prerequisite GPA and Science/Math prerequisite GPA of 3.20
- A TEAS score of 72%

Military applicants must submit with their nursing application:

- Transcripts that substantiate completion of all prerequisite courses, cognate courses, and any general education requirement
- A letter of commitment to attend the program if accepted

Military – Awarding of Credit for Previous Education or Knowledge

Awarding of credit for previous education or other acquired knowledge, including military education and experience:

- Matriculated student notifies Undergraduate Program Director or designee within 4 weeks of acceptance into the pre-licensure program of his/her request to seek course credit for previous education or other acquired knowledge, including military education and experience and specifies course(s).
- Student provides materials, documents, and evidence for consideration for a specified course(s) within 6 weeks of acceptance into the program.
- Student meets with undergraduate nursing advisor or designee as requested.
- The appropriate faculty or faculty members designated by the undergraduate advisor or designee reviews the materials, documents and evidence and within 3 weeks of receipt of materials to the department and makes the determination to award or deny credit.
- Student is notified by the undergraduate advisor or designee of the decision within 4 weeks of receipt of materials, documents or evidence. If a “cannot award credit” decision is made, the letter of notification will indicate the rationale behind the decision. The student will be told that he/she can request a challenge course by exam and follow the CSU Bakersfield policy.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Curriculum

Coursework in the BSN curriculum is divided into four separate areas:

1. Nursing prerequisite courses
2. Nursing cognate courses
3. General Education requirements
4. Nursing curriculum courses

Minors

Pre nursing/nursing students are not required to declare a minor. In some instances, a minor is a student’s choice if interested.

Sample Degree Completion Plan

CSU, Bakersfield converted from a quarter calendar to semesters. The following page includes a degree completion plan with the semester curriculum beginning academic year 2019/2020.

General Education and Graduation Requirements

California State University, Bakersfield
 B.S. in __ Nursing (Traditional BSN)
 Four-Year Roadmap to Graduation
 Emphasis/Concentration

Units Required to Graduate	120
Upper Division Units Required	40
Units in Residence Required	30

Year	Fall Schedule	Spring Schedule
1	CSUB 1029 2	PHIL 1019 or 2019 or SOC 1018 3
	ENGLISH 1109 3	COMM 1008 3
	MATH 1209 3	BIOL 2220 4
	CHEM 1000 3	BIOL 2230 4
	BIOL 2210 4	
	Units 15	Units 14
	Completed Units through Year 1 29	
	Fall Milestones	Spring Milestones
	Pass all classes to stay on track	Complete all classes to stay on track Meet with your academic advisor Submit supplemental program application

Year	Fall Schedule	Spring Schedule
2	NURS 2110 2	NURS 2130 3
	NURS2111 1	NURS 2131 3
	NURS2120 3	NURS 2150 1
	NURS2121 3	BIOL 2240 2
	NURS 2140 1	*PSYC 1018 3
	BIOL 3220 4	**NURS 2190 3
	Units 14	GE C1-ARTS 3
	18	
	Completed Units through Year 2 61	
	Fall Milestones	Spring Milestones
	Must pass all classes to stay on track and continue with enrollement into nursing program.	Must pass all classes to stay on track and continue enrollment in nursing program * Cognate for major and double counts to meet 1 of 2 count from GE AREA D ** Lifespan meets the SELF Requirement Meet with your faculty advisor

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Year	Fall Schedule	Spring Schedule		
3	NURS 3140	2	NURS 3110	3
	NURS 3141	1	NURS 3111	3
	NURS 3120	3	NURS 3130	3
	NURS 3121	3	NURS 3131	2
	NURS 3150	3	NURS 3170	1
	NURS 3160	1	*SOC 1008 or ANTH 1318 (2 of 2 GE AREA D)	3
	GE C2-HUMANITIES	3	HISTORY 1218 or 1228- AI-HISTORY	3
		Units 18	Units 18	
		Completed Units through Year 3 95		
	Fall Milestones	Spring Milestones		
	Must pass all classes to stay on track and continue with enrollement into nursing program.	Must pass all classes to stay on track and continue with enrollement into nursing program.		
		* Cognate for major and double counts to meet the second course required from GE AREA D		
		Apply for graduation this term		

Year	Fall Schedule	Spring Schedule		
4	NURS 4110	3	*NURS 4908	3
	NURS 4111	3	NURS 4901	2
	*NURS 4120 (JYDR)	3	NURS 4140	1
	NURS 4121	3	PLSI 1018 or PPA 2008-AI GOVERNMENT	3
	NURS 4180	1	GWAR	0-3
	UPPER DIVISION C	3		
		Units 18	Units 9	
			Completed Units through Year 4 120	
	Fall Milestones	Spring Milestones		
	Must pass all classes to stay on track and continue with enrollement into nursing program.	Apply for NCLEX licensure with the BRN		
	* Double counts for major requirement and JYDR.	* Capstone Nursing Course		
	Concurrent enrollment into JYDR and Upper Division C			
	Meet with faculty advisor to discuss graduation application and response letter.			

Important Notes
*SELF and Upper Division D waived for Nursing major.

General Education Certification

Students planning to transfer to CSUB should meet with an academic advisor at their college or university to inquire about getting their lower division coursework GE Certified. Not all courses will transfer to meet the same general education areas. A CSU GE certification ensures that the identified CSU GE-Breadth area(s) is complete.

Post Baccalaureate Students: Seeking a second degree in Nursing

Students that have already earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university are not required to complete additional coursework that is not particular to the nursing program requirements. Those who have earned a bachelor's degree from a foreign university will need to have official transcripts evaluated by an evaluation's agency. Degrees earned from a foreign university that are not concluded as a U.S. equivalent bachelor's degree are subject to complete remaining general education graduation requirements.

Application to the BSN Program

Application Availability and Deadlines

New nursing classes are scheduled to begin in the fall (August)

- Part 1 Application: Must submit an application to the university through Cal State Apply for the following fall term from October 1st through November 30th.
- Part 2 Application: Complete and submit the required supplemental program through NursingCAS during the application filing dates. The application period for the fall varies and is updated on the website at <https://www.csub.edu/nursing/Programs/BSN/ProspectiveApplicants/ApplicationMaterials/index.html>.

Important: Applications can be submitted with prerequisite work in progress. However, in order to be eligible for final consideration, all prerequisites must be completed according to the deadlines outlined on the nursing application.

Application and admission requirements will vary from one CSU campus to another. It is important that students become familiar with the admissions requirements and application filing period for each nursing program they plan to apply to.

Applicants should submit all application documents together. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. The Department of Nursing will not process an application until all required items are received. Applicants who fail to submit a required application item(s) by the established deadline will be ineligible for admission for that particular admission cycle.

Notification of Application and Admission Status

Applicants will be notified by the Department of Nursing when their application is received. Throughout the application review period, applicants will be sent updates regarding course equivalencies, etc. **Applicants are notified by email of their acceptance status.** Every effort is made to inform applicants of their admission status between June through early August for the

fall semester admission. It is important that applicants notify the Department of Nursing of email address changes. If an applicant cannot be reached at any time during the application period, their nursing application will be cancelled.

Post-Acceptance Requirements

Background Check and Drug Test

Upon conditional acceptance to the program, a background check and drug screen will need to clear. This is ordered at the expense of the student through an agency contracted with the Department of Nursing. Nursing students must meet clinical placement requirements. Our contracted community partners can refuse placement based on criminal convictions. Convictions and traffic violations of over \$1000 must be reported to the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) when applying to take the licensure exam (NCLEX). A more extensive background check will need to clear with the BRN for licensing. If a student is concerned of how their particular situation may be affected, they are encouraged to discuss this with the pre-nursing advisor. More information on prior convictions may be found on the BRN website at <http://www.rn.ca.gov/applicants/lic-faqs.shtml#disc>.

Pre-Nursing Student Resources and Services

Department of Nursing Website

CSUB Nursing does maintain a pre nursing, preadmission website to keep students updated on entry criteria, application dates and other pre-entry information. The website can be located at www.csub.edu/nursing/programs/bsn.

Academic Advising

Non-CSUB students must attend a scheduled information session prior to scheduling an individual appointment. A schedule of information sessions is found at www.csub.edu/nursing/programs/bsn

Current pre-nursing students attending CSUB are encouraged to meet with the pre-nursing advisor at least once a semester for educational advising and pre-application planning. Due to impaction status, the admissions criteria may change periodically. Advising appointments is useful with keeping up to date with current department policies, status of eligibility, and prerequisite, cognate, and general education completion.

Throughout the advising process, students must be able to **represent all academic history accurately**. As part of the application process in the Department of Nursing, students are required to submit authentic and official transcripts from all academic work attempted. According to the university, "...failure to file complete, accurate, and authentic application documents may result in denial or admissions, cancellation or registration, or academic credit, suspension or expulsion" ([CSUB Catalog 2020-2021](#)). Applicants who misrepresent their academic history by adding, altering, or omitting information will be declared ineligible for admission to the CSUB BSN program.

Email Policy for Faculty, Staff, and Students

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the appropriate use of email between faculty, staff, and students in relationship to the Department of Nursing (DON) at California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB).

1. *All faculty, staff, and students are required to use their “csub.edu” account when emailing information or questions pertaining to aspects of the programs of nursing provided at CSUB.*
 - a. *The university provides a “csub.edu” email to every faculty, staff, and student who are a part of the CSUB community.*
 - b. *Faculty and Staff are not required to respond to email from other email accounts so questions by students may go unanswered and information may not be distributed as needed.*
 - c. *Exception: It is important to note that new faculty may use personal address until receiving their csub.edu addresses which may take 3-4 weeks at the beginning of the semester.*
2. *All faculty, staff, and students will respond to emails within 48 hours on Sunday- Thursday and within 72 hours on Fridays-Saturdays.*
 - a. *In the case of a clinical emergency, contact with instructor is expected by phone.*
 - b. *Students who fail to respond to faculty or staff within the allotted time period will be subject to appropriate consequences (clinical or theory warning, or warning from staff).*
3. *The confidentiality of “csub.edu” email is not guaranteed so emails containing patient information of any type must not be sent via email. This information should be discussed in person between faculty, staff, and students.*
4. *All faculty, staff, and students will only use their own “csub.edu” account and not that of another faculty, staff, or student.*
5. *Use professional tone when writing an email message. You should:*
 - a. *Use professional greetings instead of colloquial expression (Dear Professor _____ rather than “hey,” “yo,” or “’sup”).*
 - b. *Always end email with a thank you and a signature block.*
 - c. *Wait until your message is written and proofread to add the recipient(s). This will prevent you from accidentally sending an email at the wrong time or to the wrong person.*
 - d. <https://www.lifewire.com/email-rules-for-professionals-3997143>

Physical and Mental Qualifications

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL QUALIFICATIONS

A student with a disability has to have the disability verified by the Services for Students with Disabilities office at CSUB. It is to the student's advantage to do this as soon as possible in the quarter to ensure that approved accommodations can be granted in a timely manner.

Essential Functions

There are essential functions or abilities necessary for admission and progression in the complex discipline of nursing at CSU Bakersfield. To matriculate or progress in the nursing curriculum, the candidate must be able to perform all of the essential functions. The Department of Nursing follows the CSUB nondiscrimination policy, and students requesting accommodations should contact the Disability Services office. These essential functions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Critical Thinking:
A student must demonstrate critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.
 1. Make effective clinical decisions.
 2. Identify cause and effect relationships with clinical data.
 3. Develop nursing care plans.
 4. Perform math calculations requisite to safe dosage calculations and medication administration.
 5. Read, synthesize, analyze, evaluate, and integrate material in the classroom and the clinical setting.
- B. Professional-Ethical Conduct:
A student must possess the ability to reason morally and practice nursing in a professional and ethical manner.
 1. Demonstrate integrity, honesty, responsibility, and tolerance.
 2. Abide by professional standards of practice.
 3. Deliver compassionate care to all patient populations.
- C. Interpersonal Skills:
A student must demonstrate appropriate interpersonal abilities while interacting with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.
 1. Communicate effectively and sensitively with other students, faculty, staff, patients, families, and other professionals.
 2. Demonstrate willingness and ability to give and receive feedback.
 3. Develop mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with clients.
 4. Establish trust and rapport with clients and colleagues.
- D. Communication:
A student must have the ability to clearly communicate in oral and written forms, and to effectively interpret communication with others.
 1. Use appropriate grammar, vocabulary, and syntax.
 2. Effectively communicate nursing actions.
 3. Appropriately interpret client responses.
 4. Initiate health teaching.
 5. Demonstrate accurate nursing documentation.

6. Accurately report patient information to members of the health care team.
- E. Mobility and Stamina:
A student must possess sufficient gross and fine motor skills and endurance to provide safe and effective nursing care in all health care settings.
1. Perform basic life support, including CPR.
 2. Function in an emergency situation.
 3. Safely assist a patient in moving (e.g., from wheelchair to commode, from chair to bed, lift and transfer from gurney to bed).
 4. Calibrate and use equipment.
 5. Perform treatments and procedures.
 6. Apply pressure to stop bleeding.
 7. Manipulate diagnostic instruments to adequately perform all aspects of a physical assessment.
 8. Sit, stand, and move about in patient environments for 12 hour periods.
- F. Tactile:
A student must have sufficient tactile ability to perform a physical assessment of a patient and to perform procedures necessary for nursing care.
1. Perform palpation and other functions necessary for a physical exam.
 2. Assess texture, shape, size, and vibration.
 3. Note temperature changes in skin and equipment.
 4. Perform therapeutic functions (e.g., inserting a urinary catheter or IV, change dressings, give medications).
- G. Auditory:
A student must have sufficient auditory ability to effectively monitor and assess health needs of patients.
1. Hear cries for help.
 2. Hear alarms on equipment and overhead codes.
 3. Hear auscultatory sounds using a stethoscope.
 4. Hear and interpret verbal communication from patients.
 5. Communicate over the telephone.
- H. Visual:
A student must possess visual ability for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care.
1. Observe patient responses (e.g. changes in skin color, grimaces).
 2. See drainage on dressings and note characteristics of body fluids.
 3. Note fluid levels in collection devices, syringes and infusion devices.
 4. Read gauges that monitor patient progress (e.g. sphygmomanometer).
 5. Discriminate colors for diagnostic purposes.
 6. Assess movements of patients.
 7. Observe patient behavior (e.g. in rehabilitation or psychiatric facilities).
- I. Behavioral-Emotional Health:
A student must possess the emotional health required for full use of his or her intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, and the prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to the care of patients.
1. Maintain mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with patients, students, staff, faculty, and other professionals under even highly stressful situations.
 2. Experience empathy for the situations and circumstances of others and effectively communicate that empathy.
 3. Be willing to examine and change his or her behavior when it interferes with productive individual or team relationships.
 4. Prioritize competing demands.
 5. Function in stressful circumstances.
 6. Separate own needs and experiences in order to maintain objectivity and client-centered care.
 7. Adjust to changing circumstances.
8. Plan effectively and complete all assigned duties carefully