

## PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

ISSUE	Hearing	Mobility	Motor Skills (Gross)	Tactile	Visual
STANDARD	Ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.	Mobility and strength sufficient to support and move patients.	Perform multiple motor tasks simultaneously. Ability to lift, move, position, and transfer patients sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment.	Ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care. Have peripheral form depth perception and ability to distinguish shades of color.
EXAMPLES	Converse with patients and health care professionals; auscultation of BP breath, heart and bowel sounds; respond to paging systems, bells, telephones, and equipment sounds.	Support and transfer patients, move in and out of treatment areas.  Reach equipment or parts of patient's body.	Maneuver and operate equipment, pushing/pulling/carrying; perform CPR.	Distinguish hot or cool skin temperature, pulse rate; feel anatomical landmarks.  Distinguish textures, degree of firmness, temperature differences.	Describe patient's skin color, perform calibrations on syringes, administering medications, thermometers, reading and writing patient's charts/flow sheets/monitors; interpret reagent tests, color of body fluids, changes in skin color.