**Performance Requirements**

You must meet the following performance requirements to ensure patient safety and welfare during your time in our program and throughout your career.

**Physical Requirements**

* **Visual acuity** (with corrective lenses if needed) to:
	+ Identify cyanosis
	+ Observe absence of respiratory movements in patients
	+ Read very fine, small print on:
		- Medication containers
		- Physician's orders
		- Monitors
		- Equipment calibrations
* **Hearing ability** (with auditory aids if needed) to:
	+ Understand the normal speaking voice without viewing the speaker's face
	+ Hear monitor alarms, emergency signals and call bells from patients
	+ Take / hear blood pressure, lung, heart, vascular and abdominal sounds with stethoscope
* **Manual dexterity** to:
	+ Use sterile technique
		- Examples: to insert catheters or prepare and administer medications
	+ Manipulate and assemble equipment for use
* **Physical ability** to:
	+ Stand for prolonged periods of time
	+ Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
	+ Lift patients and objects of 35 pounds or more
	+ Perform chest physio-therapy techniques using 2 hands
	+ Push pieces of equipment from room to room
	+ Maneuver in limited spaces

**Communication Requirements**

* **Communicate effectively** in verbal and written form by:
	+ Speaking clearly and succinctly when:
		- Explaining treatment procedures
		- Describing patient conditions
		- Implementing health techniques
	+ Writing legibly and correctly in patient's records for legal documentation
* **Function safely** under stressful conditions with the ability to:
	+ Adapt to ever changing environment inherent in clinical situations involving patient care
* **Computer skills** to:
	+ Use a variety of software programs and the internet for research and course projects, including PowerPoint for presentations