**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