

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAMS

TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS IN THE PATIENT CARE PROGRAMS

The School of Medicine Health Professions Programs faculty have specified the following non-academic criteria (technical standards) which all applicants and enrolled students are expected to meet in order to participate in the School of Medicine Health Professions Programs and professional practice.

1. **Observation:** The applicant/student must be able to participate actively in all demonstrations, laboratory exercises, and clinical experiences in the professional program component of the degree and to assess and comprehend the condition of all patients assigned for examination, diagnosis and treatment. Such observation and information usually requires the functional use of visual, auditory, and somatic sensations.
2. **Communications:** The applicant/student must be able to communicate effectively and sensitively with patients in order to elicit information, describe changes in mood, activity and posture, assess non-verbal communications, and be able to effectively and efficiently transmit information to patients, fellow students, faculty and staff, and all members of the health care team. Communication skills include speaking, reading and writing, as well as the observation skills described above.
3. **Motor:** The applicant/student must have sufficient motor function to elicit information from patients by appropriate diagnostic or therapeutic maneuvers; be able to perform basic tests; possess all skills necessary to carry out diagnostic or therapeutic procedures; be able to interpret appropriate examinations and procedures, and be able to execute motor movements reasonably required to provide general care and emergency treatment to patients.
4. **Intellectual/Conceptual, Integrative, and Quantitative Abilities:** The applicant/student must be able to measure, calculate, reason, analyze, evaluate, and synthesize. Problem solving, the critical skill demanded of allied health practitioners, requires all of these intellectual abilities. In addition, the applicant/student must be able to comprehend three-dimensional relationships and understand the spatial relationships of structures. The applicant/student must have the capacity to perform these problem solving skills in a timely fashion.
5. **Behavioral and Social Attributes:** The applicant/student must possess the emotional health required for full utilization of intellectual abilities; the exercise of good judgment; the prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to care of patients; and the development of mature, sensitive and effective relationships with patients and others. Applicants must also be able to tolerate taxing workloads, function effectively under stress, adapt to changing environments, display flexibility, and learn to function in the face of uncertainties inherent in clinical problems of many patients. Compassion, integrity, concern for others, commitment and motivation are personal qualities which each applicant/student should possess.

Please refer to the current IUPUI Bulletin for further information concerning admission policies and procedures.

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**Indiana University School of Medicine
Health Professions Programs
Technical Standards for Admission and Retention**

Please check one of the choices below, sign and date it, and return this form to the program along with your letter accepting the offer of admission.

If you have questions when completing this form, contact the program director.

- ☐ **I attest that I have read and understand the Indiana University School of Medicine Health Professions Programs' Technical Standards for Admission and Retention and that I meet each of these standards.**

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If you believe that you could meet the Technical Standards **with accommodations**, you will need to contact the Adaptive Educational Services Office program to determine whether reasonable accommodations can be made.

- ☐ **I am contacting Adaptive Educational Services to determine whether reasonable accommodations can be made.**

Adaptive Educational Services - Taylor Hall (UC) Rm 100

Phone: 317-274-3241

TDD/TTY: 317-278-2050

Email: AES@iu.edu

Web: <https://studentaffairs.indianapolis.iu.edu/care-support/accessible-educational-services.html>

If checking the above option, acknowledge the following directions by signing your initials on each line.

_____ It is the student's responsibility to contact Adaptive Educational Services.

_____ In the event that accommodations are not granted by Adaptive Educational Services, it is the student's responsibility to either resubmit this form stating they meet the technical standards or notify the program director they are withdrawing their application.

_____ It is the student's responsibility to notify the program director of any accommodation granted through AES.

Signature

IU Student ID Number

Printed or Typed Name

Date