

## HEALTH HISTORY POLICY

### **Policy Statement:**

It is mandatory for each student to complete a Health History Form. A component of the health history is the University of Mobile School of Nursing Core Performance Standards Policy, as it describes health and wellness requirements that are necessary to be effective in the clinical settings. Students admitted to the School of Nursing must be able to meet the Core Performance Standards for Admission and Progression when entering into a clinical nursing course. The School of Nursing will collaborate with students on making reasonable accommodation(s) for known physical and/or mental impairments; however, it must be acknowledged that nursing is a physically and mentally demanding profession. The cost of special equipment will be the responsibility of the student.

The following Core Performance Standards will be used by students, along with faculty, to determine whether or not accommodation(s) can be reasonably offered:

1. **Interpersonal (Behavioral/Social)**. Nursing students must exhibit patterns of behavior that demonstrate emotional maturity that allow for intellectual development, sound judgment and personal accountability. Nursing students will need to demonstrate the ability to develop therapeutic and effective nurse-patient/client relationships. Nursing students need to demonstrate interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families and community groups from a variety of cultural, emotional, intellectual, and social backgrounds. Nursing students must be able to function effectively under stress.
2. **Critical Thinking (Cognition)**. Nursing students must have the ability to calculate, reason, and analyze information. Synthesis and application of complex information is also required. Nursing students must be totally alert and attentive at all times in clinical settings in order to develop competent and professional nursing care.
3. **Motor (Mobility)**. Nursing students must have physical abilities sufficient to gather information from patients/clients. This includes the movements required for palpation, percussion, auscultation, and other diagnostic procedures. Nursing students must be able to have sufficient mobility to provide general and emergency care to patients/clients. This care requires the nursing student to have moderate muscle strength, coordination of both fine and gross motor skills, equilibrium, and functional use of all extremities and all senses, especially hearing and vision.

\*Core Performance Standards for Admission and Progression (for non-licensed students) for Clinical Coursework in the School of Nursing (Adapted from the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing).

### **Submission:**

Students are required to upload the signed Health History Form (with no blanks; please place an "NA" if something is not applicable) into Magnus no later than 1 week prior to the start of classes.