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Dear Nursing Student:

Welcome to the SUNY College of Technology at Canton Associate Degree Nursing Program! The college has been educating nursing students since the program was established in 1966 by Virginia McAllister. Since its inception, over 1,000 students have graduated from the program. Our graduates provide a vital service to their communities and we are very proud and pleased to have you join our program. If you should have any questions about NCLEX-RN pass rates for first time test takers, program satisfaction, job placement, or graduation rates, please feel free to contact me directly by visiting me in my office (Wicks Hall 120), email backus@cantton.edu or telephone 315-379-3827. Additional inquiries can be made to the:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
3343 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 850
Atlanta, GA 30326
404-975-5020

The nursing program is very rigorous and you will be challenged. However, you are capable of success. To that end, our faculty members are here to guide you in your learning. The nursing program will prepare you for entry into the nursing profession.

Over the course of the next two years, you will have questions. It is important to get answers to those questions from a credible source. Rumors, second-hand information, and word-of-mouth may cause undue anxiety. **The faculty members are eager to help you and want to see you succeed. If you have a question, do not be afraid to speak to your instructor, advisor, or me.** The policies and procedures outlined in this handbook and in your course syllabus are to serve you as a reference. If, after reading this handbook or a course syllabus, you have a question, please get it clarified. You will be provided a syllabus for each nursing course.

Clear communication is a cornerstone of good nursing care and a sound education. All full-time faculty members have posted office hours outside their doors. In addition, all full and part-time faculty members have email accounts. **All official electronic communication will be conducted through your college email account. We will not be using private email accounts to communicate with you. Therefore, please be sure to check your campus email account on a daily basis.**

One venue to establish and expand professional interests is through the Student Nurses Association. I would encourage each of you to consider becoming actively involved in this organization as well as some of the many other activities/clubs/organizations on campus.

In closing, please accept my congratulations on your acceptance into the nursing program. Your hard work has paid off in gaining you acceptance into this highly competitive program. Should you need assistance, please do not hesitate to ask for help.

Best wishes for a successful and positive nursing education experience.

Debra Backus Ph.D., RN, CNE, NEA-BC
Nursing Department Director
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<td>SUNY Canton is dedicated to providing a progression of accessible, affordable, high-quality applied programs that enable students in the North Country, New York State, and beyond to achieve their highest potential both personally and professionally.</td>
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<td>The Associate Degree Nursing Program is dedicated to providing students with a high-quality nursing education enabling them to enter practice as a Registered Professional Nurse.</td>
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## COLLEGE AND NURSING PROGRAM VALUES STATEMENTS

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| **Integrity**... by treating others with honesty and respect during every interaction. | The SUNY Canton Nursing program believes that:  
• **People** are unique, holistic individuals with values and beliefs that originate from their life-world, who have specific needs and are capable of making decisions by themselves, with others, and/or by proxy.  
• **Health and well-being** are dynamic lived experiences uniquely defined by the individual within the context of culture and environment.  
• **Nursing** is a unique profession that provides a service to society that is culturally sensitive, evidence-based, collaborative, and individualized. Utilizing the nursing process, the nurse facilitates transformation within individuals and groups to attain desired outcomes. |
<p>| <strong>Success</strong>... by creating an environment that encourages maximum personal and professional growth and helps students translate that growth into meaningful action. |  |
| <strong>Diversity</strong>... by fostering a culture of inclusiveness that values individual differences, gives voice to all in the campus community, promotes the free exchange of ideas based on merit, and encourages a global perspective. |  |
| <strong>Access</strong>... by offering affordable career-oriented public higher education to motivated, mature and disciplined students through innovative delivery methods. |  |
| <strong>Sustainability</strong>... by implementing viable long-term options for resource usage, disaster management, transportation, and waste management in connection with all campus activities and weaving sustainability concepts throughout the curriculum. |  |
| <strong>Flexibility</strong>... by embracing change to better address the needs of the college community and society at large. |  |</p>
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<th>College’s Student Learning Outcomes</th>
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<td><strong>Critical Thinking</strong> Demonstrates the ability to interpret, apply, analyze, identify, distinguish and evaluate the assumptions, methodology and/or evidence of concepts, constructs and theory to provide a valid response, conclusion or recommendation.</td>
<td><strong>NLN: Nursing Judgment</strong> Make judgments in practice, substantiated with evidence, that integrate nursing science in the provision of safe, quality care and that promote the health of clients within a family and community context. <strong>QSEN: Safety</strong> Student will minimize risk of harm to clients and providers through both system effectiveness and individual performance. <strong>QSEN: Informatics</strong> The student will use information and technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision-making.</td>
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<td><strong>Professional Competence</strong> Demonstrates knowledge and the ability to apply professional, Industry and ethical standards through the development of skills and knowledge consistent in professional practice within the respective discipline.</td>
<td><strong>NLN: Professional Identity</strong> Implement one's role as a nurse in ways that reflect integrity, responsibility, ethical practices, and an evolving identity as a nurse committed to evidence-based practice, caring, advocacy, and safe, quality care for diverse clients within a family and community context. <strong>QSEN: Teamwork and Collaboration</strong> Student will function effectively within nursing and inter-professional teams, fostering open communication, mutual respect, and shared decision-making to achieve quality client care.</td>
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<td><strong>Inter/Intrapersonal Skills</strong> Demonstrates an ability to address professional and ethical responsibilities including a respect for diversity; recognize the impact of societal issues within a global context; function effectively as a member or leader of a team; and perform self-reflection of personal growth and achievement.</td>
<td><strong>NLN: Human Flourishing</strong> Advocate for clients and families in ways that promote their self-determination, integrity, and ongoing growth as human beings. <strong>QSEN: Client Centered Care</strong> Student will recognize the client or designee as the source of control and full partner in providing compassionate and coordinated care based on respect for client's preferences, values, and needs.</td>
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<td><strong>Communication Skills</strong> Demonstrates the ability to effectively present, organize, and articulate thoughts, ideas, viewpoints, and conclusions both orally and/or in writing.</td>
<td><strong>NLN: Spirit of Inquiry</strong> Examine the evidence that underlies clinical nursing practice to challenge the status quo, question underlying assumptions, and offer new insights to improve the quality of care for clients, families, and communities. <strong>QSEN: Quality Improvement</strong> Student will use data to monitor the outcomes of care processes and use improvement methods to design and test changes to continuously improve the quality and safety of health care systems. <strong>QSEN: Evidence Based Practice</strong> Student will integrate best current evidence with clinical expertise and client/family preferences and values for delivery of optimal health care.</td>
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NURSING COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

NURS 101 Fundamentals of Nursing  
Fall, 6 credit hours  
This course provides the student with knowledge and skills basic to nursing. Clinical experiences assist students in applying NURS 101 theory to client care. Skills performed in the nursing laboratory on campus facilitate the transfer of knowledge from the classroom to the clinical setting. This course is open to nursing students only. 6 credits = 150 minutes of lecture, 160 minutes of practice lab, and 6 hours clinical per week. One credit = 50 minutes of lecture, 3 hours of practice lab, 3 hours clinical

NURS 103 Pharmacology I  
Fall, 1 credit hour  
This introductory pharmacology course will explore the basic principles surrounding pharmacology. Topics include basic pharmacological principles, dosage calculations, regulatory compliance, patient education, and reduction of medication errors. Restricted to nursing students. 1 credit = 50 minutes of lecture each week

NURS 104 Pharmacology II  
Spring, 1 credit hour  
This pharmacology course explores the various classifications of drugs, and their associated nursing care. Drugs used to treat psychiatric, reproductive, bone/joint disorders, analgesics, and those commonly used during pregnancy will specifically be discussed. 1 credit = 50 minutes of lecture each week

NURS 105 Nursing Seminar  
Fall, 1 credit hour  
This course serves as an introduction to the nursing program. It includes differentiating a program of study from individual courses; clarifying experiences; learning study skills and test taking strategies; practicing stress and coping techniques; and enhancing organizational and time management skills. Students explore critical thinking within the context of nursing. The seminar format provides an opportunity to apply critical thinking to current coursework. Attendance with active participation in discussions is expected. Attendance is required in this course because of the importance of dialogue in thinking and learning. The different viewpoints shared during the seminar will help expand the thinking of all participants. 1 credit = 50 minutes of lecture each week

NURS 106 Maternal Child Nursing  
Spring, 4.5 credits  
Concepts from nursing fundamentals are adapted to the nursing care of the family. The course emphasizes utilization of all components of the nursing process in caring for individuals, within the context of family and community, during the childbearing period and in providing preventive and restorative care to children of all ages. Beginning with the childbearing individual and then the child from conception to adolescence, concepts of pregnancy, labor and delivery, post-partum, newborn, child growth and development from infancy through late adolescence will be presented. The student will build on skills using the nursing process and critical thinking to meet maternal/child health care needs within the family system, well child and acute care settings. Clinical experiences are provided in area hospitals, community agencies and public health clinics. 1 credit= 50 minutes of lecture or 160 minutes of practice lab or 180 minutes of clinical per week
**NURS 107 Mental Health Nursing**  
*Spring, 4.5 credits*  
This course offers an examination of concepts and theories related to psychiatric and mental health nursing within the context of the therapeutic relationship. Aspects of primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention are addressed as a basis for promoting and sustaining optimum mental health functioning. Emphasis is placed on relationship-centered care, teamwork, quality and safety for diverse patient populations with psychiatric disorders. 1 credit = 50 minutes of lecture or 160 minutes of practice lab or 180 minutes of clinical per week.

**NURS 200 Pharmacology III**  
*Fall, 1 credit hour*  
This course explores classifications of drugs used to treat fluid and electrolyte imbalances, infection and cancer. Additionally, drugs used in the treatment of respiratory gastro-intestinal, and endocrine disorders will be discussed.  
1 credit = 50 minutes of lecture each week

**NURS 201 Medical-Surgical Nursing I**  
*Fall, 10 credit hours*  
Course content focuses on application of the nursing process to care of pediatric and adult patients experiencing medical-surgical conditions along the health-illness continuum. Topics covered include those related to acute/complex respiratory, endocrinology, gastrointestinal, oncologic, musculoskeletal and fluid, electrolyte and acid-base disorders. Students apply their learning to clients in medical-surgical clinical settings. Skills performed in the nursing laboratory on campus facilitate the transfer of knowledge from the classroom to the clinical setting. One credit hour = 50 minutes of lecture, three hours practice lab or three hours of clinical.

**NURS 202 MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING II**  
*Spring, 10 credit hours*  
This course focuses on application of nursing process to care of pediatric and adult patients experiencing medical-surgical conditions along the health-illness continuum. Topics covered include those related to acute/complex cardiovascular, neurologic, hematologic, integumentary, immunologic, sensory, reproductive, emergency, and disaster events or disorders. Students will apply their learning to clients in medical-surgical clinical settings. Skills performed in the nursing laboratory on campus facilitate the transfer of knowledge from the classroom to the clinical setting. One credit hour = 50 minutes of lecture or 160 minutes of practice lab or 180 minutes of clinical per week.

**NURS 203 PROFESSIONAL ISSUES AND TRENDS IN NURSING**  
*Spring, 1 credit hour*  
Student explore and analyze socio-economic and political variables that affect professional nursing and healthcare. Students examine the professional growth and transition of the student nurse, current issues in healthcare, nursing management, and career development. This course is open to nursing students only. 1 credit = 50 minutes of lecture each week.

**NURS 204 PHARMACOLOGY IV**  
*Spring, 1 credit*  
This course explores nursing care associated with the classifications of drugs used to treat cardiovascular, blood, sensory, neurological, immune, and skin disorders. In addition, drugs used in the emergency setting will be examined. 1 credit = 50 minutes of lecture each week.
## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (Curriculum 0622) (Effective for fall 2015 Student Cohort)

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<td>NURS 101</td>
<td>Fundamentals of Nursing</td>
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<td>NURS 106</td>
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<td>NURS 201</td>
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<td>PSYC 220</td>
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<td>NURS 203</td>
<td>Professional Issues &amp; Trends in Nursing*</td>
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* Writing Intensive Course

Graduation Requirements: Total Semester Hours – 62 credits with minimum 2.0 GPA
A grade of C+ or better is required for successful completion of all nursing courses and a grade of C or better is required for all co-requisite courses is required to continue in the program.

Successful completion of all co-requisite courses and a semester GPA of 2.0 is required to continue in the program. This requirement is different from that of the college in order to help ensure that the student is adequately prepared to enter the nursing profession, increase likelihood of success on the NCLEX-RN test, and enhance the ability of the student to transfer credit to another college.

Once enrolled in NURS 101, students must complete the program within four years. For extraordinary circumstances, permission to complete the program beyond four years must be granted by the Dean of the School of Science, Health, and Criminal Justice in consultation with the Nursing Department Director or Curriculum Coordinator.

Of the four clinical nursing courses (NURS 101, 102, 201, 202) only one course may be repeated one time. Examples of interpretation of this rule follow:

- A student does not obtain the final required grade of “C+” or better in NURS 101 and repeats the course. That student will not be allowed to continue in the program if he/she needs to subsequently repeat NURS 101, 102, 201, or 202.
- A student successfully completes NURS 101 on the first attempt, but does not get the required grade of “C+” in NURS 102 and repeats the course. That student will not be allowed to continue in the program if he/she needs to subsequently repeat NURS 102, 201, or 202.
- A student successfully completes NURS 101 and NURS 102 on the first attempt, but does not get the required grade of “C+” in NURS 201 and repeats the course. That student will not be allowed to continue in the program if he/she needs to subsequently repeat NURS 201 or 202.
- A student successfully completes NURS 101, 102, and 201 on the first attempt, but does not get the required grade of “C+” in NURS 202 and repeats the course. That student will not be allowed to continue in the program if he/she needs to subsequently repeat NURS 202.

** CPR certification (American Heart Association for Health Care Professionals - BLS for Adults, Infant, and Child or Red Cross certification (Professional Rescuer Course) is required for NURS 101, 102, 201, and 202.

** Students will complete clinical experiences in hospitals, long-term care facilities, and community agencies throughout Northern New York. Clinical hours may include day, evenings, and weekends. The college does not provide transportation to clinical.

** The New York State Education Department, Office of the Professions requires persons applying for licensure to answer questions related to criminal convictions and/or professional misconduct.

** In order to be eligible to take RN boards (NCLEX exam), you must have the required educational background and be of good moral character. Persons charged with or convicted of a crime (felony or misdemeanor) in any state or country, or who have committed an act which raises a reasonable question as to the applicant's moral character (e.g., professional misconduct, unprofessional conduct, incompetence or negligence, or the termination of professional training, employment or privilege or voluntary/involuntary leaving to avoid termination by any hospital or
licensed facility) shall be referred to the executive director of the Office of Professional Discipline or his/her designee. This is a lengthy process and the applicant is responsible for his/her own legal fees. A person concerned with his/her eligibility is advised to initiate the process well before graduation. (Source: New York State Licensing Application Packet published by the New York State Education Department, Office of Professions).

**HESI POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

**Purpose**

To optimize program and NCLEX success for our students.

**Requirements**

Health Education Systems Incorporated (HESI) examinations are nationally standardized examinations that are content-specific and based on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Testing Blueprint. HESI's online exams test students on their skills in clinical application and critical thinking; the cornerstones of ADN nursing student preparation. HESI provides institutional and student diagnostic reports that include an item-by-item topic comparison between SUNY Canton’s AAS Nursing group’s percentages answered correctly and the national group norm answered correctly. Additionally, HESI provides an individualized detailed remediation plan for the students regarding their specific areas of weakness.

HESI exams are divided into concept areas equivalent to those on the NCLEX licensure test. Each nursing student will be assigned an account on the Evolve site. This site offers students individualized remediation opportunities after each exam, and the opportunity to continue learning opportunities throughout the program. Instructors will specify their expectations and requirements for this area. If there is a question, the student is responsible for clarifying the instructor’s expectation with that instructor. Students will be required to pay testing fees for the exams at the beginning of each semester. Failure to take any required assignments or to take the HESI tests when scheduled results in a grade of “INCOMPLETE”. The “INCOMPLETE” grade reverts to “F” course grade if the exams or assignments are not taken by the deadline set by the course faculty.

The HESI exams are a reliable, valid, nationally standardized exam used by many nursing schools to predict success on the NCLEX licensing examination and identify students in need of additional strategies to improve their studying and test-taking skills in order to successfully complete the NCLEX testing. The HESI is a computerized, timed, proctored, comprehensive examination of nursing program content with particular focus on application of knowledge using critical thinking and clinical reasoning skills. The successful student will prepare themselves for these exams by reviewing and applying nursing theory in the context of a clinical practice scenario, practicing test-taking strategies, and critically thinking at an advanced level.
Scoring of the HESI Examination

The scores range from 0 to over 1,000, and can be as high as 1,500 (depending on the difficulty level of the exam). An acceptable level of performance is 850. However, the recommended level of performance is 900 and above for all scores provided. Each school is responsible for establishing their specific standards related to outcome measures of acceptable scores. Many schools choose a certain overall score as a benchmark for progression, and such benchmarks are set at the discretion of the school's faculty and administrators. However, when preparing for the NCLEX-RN, it is recommended that students seriously remediate any subject area category in which they obtained a score of less than 850. All exam items are weighted according to their difficulty level. Each individual student score reflects application of the HESI Predictability Model (HPM) to the overall score and each subject area score. Research studies have found the HPM to be highly accurate in predicting NCLEX-RN success. The conversion score is a weighted percentage score that considers the average difficulty of the exam and the average difficulty of the exam items answered. The HESI score is a better predictor of NCLEX-RN success than the conversion score because it reflects application of the HPM in its calculation, whereas the conversion score does not.

HESI exams are used throughout the curriculum within SUNY Canton’s nursing program from admission through the last nursing course. The rationale for utilizing the HESI series of examinations is to prepare the student for eventual NCLEX-RN ("Boards") success. The individual exams offered throughout the curriculum are provided as stepping stones which culminate in taking the HESI Exit Exam, which is a course requirement in the NURS 202: Nursing IV course. Therefore, preparation, completion and remediation, as indicated on all of the HESI exams, are essential elements throughout the curriculum and are performed in order to prepare the student for success. HESI exams are utilized across the curriculum.
### Use of Standardized Testing Across the Associate Degree Nursing Program Curriculum

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<td>NURS 102 Maternal Child Nursing</td>
<td>Maternity</td>
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<td>NURS 202 Medical – Surgical Nursing II</td>
<td>Medical Surgical Exam</td>
<td>Advising Tool Course grade is based upon conversion percentage score</td>
<td>Any student scoring less than 850 on the exam will be assigned a faculty mentor in the NURS 202 course. Students will be required to meet on a weekly basis to document their remediation plan and progress. Failure to participate in mentor meetings or complete a plan of remediation may negatively impact the student's success in NURS 202 course.</td>
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<td>NURS 203</td>
<td>Critical Thinking (not weighted)</td>
<td>Advising Tool Course grade is based upon conversion percentage score</td>
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**HESI Semester Exams**

1. Nursing students will take HESI exams each semester in the program. The exam is scheduled at this time to allow the student an appropriate amount of time to remediate.

2. Standardized testing  
   a. Two standardized exams will be administered each semester and count 10% of the students’ final grade.  
      a. A pre-practice exam is to be completed one week in advance of the standardized exam.  
         i. Exams are set up to only show scores not current answers, not proctored, taken out of the classroom.  
         ii. At least a 90% grade is to be obtained in order to take the standardized exam.  
   b. Students who score less than 850 on the initial proctored exam will be required to complete the standardized remediation.  
   c. All students may take the second proctored exam within three weeks of the initial proctored exam.  
   d. Meeting with your course faculty member is mandatory for a score <850, as a formal remediation plan is required.  
   e. Students who score less than 850 must complete the remediation prior to the first exam in the next clinical course.  
   f. The HESI conversion score will be entered into the students’ grade book.

**HESI Comprehensive Exam: (Cumulative exam over all coursework completed within the nursing program and related disciplines)**

1. The HESI comprehensive exam will be completed within NURS 202 Medical Surgical Nursing II. It is recommended that students obtain a score of 850+ on the comprehensive HESI exam. Nursing students will take the comprehensive HESI exam during the end of the 4th semester in the program.  
2. As with other HESI experiences, students not successfully obtaining a minimum score of 850 on the comprehensive HESI exam will be required to remediate (supervised by the course faculty) for a minimum of one week.

**HESI Mandatory Remediation**

Students must complete their remediation plan prior to the next course exam. Failure to complete remediation will result in a zero on the next course exam.

**HESI Remediation Guidelines**

1. You must provide your correct email address at testing.  
2. You will receive an immediate diagnostic report at the end of testing session identifying strengths and weaknesses in particular areas.  
3. You will receive an email from HESI with remediation instructions. You are expected to review all areas of weaknesses identified on the standardized exam, and access remediation materials for every exam item answered incorrectly on your exam.  
4. Students who don’t achieve the required scores must meet with nursing faculty member to review results and develop a remediation plan.
**HESI Live NCLEX Review**

A three-day NCLEX review course will be scheduled at the end of NURS 202. **Attendance at a live NCLEX review course is required to pass fourth semester.** Students will not be allowed to graduate until an NCLEX Live Review course has been attended and proof provided to the NURS 202 course faculty. The live review will be scheduled the eleventh or twelfth week of the fourth semester on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, eight hours per day.

**Fees and Expenses**

There are fees and expenses specific to the Department of Nursing in addition to those required by the University. These fees are subject to change without prior notification. See the SUNY Canton Academic Catalog for general university fees and expenses.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AAS NURSING**

1. The application process, including anticipated cost is stated in the SUNY Canton Academic Catalog. Students may elect to attend either full- or part-time. The SUNY Canton Nursing Program utilizes a selective admissions process.

2. There is no discrimination in the educational program or activities of the Nursing Program based on race, age, color, creed, religion, national or ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status or handicap. This practice complies with Title IX of the Educational Acts of 1972, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992 and other federal and state laws and regulations.

3. SUNY Canton nursing faculty members subscribe to the Core Performance Standards as adapted from the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing and from the Validation Study, “Functional Abilities Essential for Nursing Practice” by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. The core performance standards set forth cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements for nurses. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the SUNY Canton nursing programs do not base admission, acceptance or continued enrollment on the core performance standards. Instead, the standards are used to assist applicants and students in the determination of need for ADA related accommodations and medications. The core performance standards are intended to constitute an objective measure of:
   - A qualified applicant’s ability with or without accommodations to meet the program performance requirements.
   - Accommodations required by a matriculated student who seeks accommodations under the ADA.

   Nursing students, who qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act, are expected to review these core performance standards. In accordance with the Civil Rights Law and with College policy, no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of that disability, be excluded from participation in the program. SUNY Canton will provide reasonable accommodations to a qualified individual with a disability. The Office of Accommodative Services is responsible for determining if reasonable accommodations can be identified and for ensuring that such accommodations are provided for students. It is the responsibility of the applicant or student to request the accommodations that are needed to perform the behaviors listed below. If a student reports to faculty or staff that they need an accommodation for a perceived disability; they will be referred to Accommodative Services by the faculty member. To be eligible for a reasonable accommodation, applicants must provide credible documentation of disability. Contact Accommodative Services at 315-386-
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ADMISSION CRITERIA

Nursing is a competitive program that requires students to have a strong background in biology, chemistry, math and reading comprehension. Admission is based on the academic qualifications of the student and space availability. Meeting program admission requirements does NOT guarantee acceptance into the nursing program. The requirements are effective for all 2017 applicants.

- **Meet eligibility criteria for college level math (Math 111 or Math 112) and Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO 217)**
  - All pre-requisite courses may be repeated only once if a grade below "C" or "W" (Withdrawal) is received.
- **Obtain NLN Pre admission score of 100 out of a possible 200 points.**
  - All applicants are required to take and pass the entrance exam. An applicant who is unsuccessful will have one more opportunity to retake the entrance exam during a subsequent semester. Two failures of the entrance exam will deem the student as ineligible for the program. The examination can only be taken twice in one calendar year. No NLN pre-admission scores older than three years will be accepted.
  - All transfer and LPN students are required to take the NLN Pre-admission exam.
- **Submit a letter of good standing, written from the institution on official letterhead and sent via mail, if transferring from another nursing program.**
- **Provide Admissions with official transcripts from all schools previously attended.** Official transcripts must be sent from the institution with the seal of the school affixed to the document. Course equivalence are determined by the Transfer Credit Evaluator and the Dean of the School of Health, Science and Criminal Justice in collaboration with the Nursing Director.
- **Take the SUNY Canton pharmacology dosage calculation exam and receive an 80% on the first (1) attempt to be eligible for admission into the program, if transferring from another nursing program or being readmitted into the program.** The change will be effective fall 2016.
  - Applicants who receive a 100% on this exam will be exempt from the pharmacology I course.
  - Applicants who receive a grade of 80% to 99% will be required to take the pharmacology I course.
  - Applicants who score less than an 80% on the exam will not be admitted into the program.
- **If a student is requesting re-admission to the nursing program and it has been more than one year since the student was last enrolled in the nursing program, the student will be**
required to audit the lecture and lab sections of the last nursing course successfully completed.

• Readmitted students will be required to sign a conditional admission contract if they wish to be readmitted into the nursing program when the readmission is due to a clinical course failure.

• Residency requirement for graduation: Complete SUNY Canton’s NURS 201, 202, 203, and 204 courses, if transferring from another nursing program.

• Presented a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) card for a Healthcare Provider (Basic Life Support) from the American Heart Association. CPR should be current from August 1st through June 1st.

• Presented evidence of satisfactory health status with a current and complete record of immunizations.

• Licensed Practical Nurses Advance Placement Applications
  o The LPN may be exempt from the first semester of nursing courses (Nursing 101, NURS 105 and NURS 103) providing the following criteria are met:
    o Satisfy the criteria stated in Admission Requirements: AAS Nursing.
    o Complete the online Excelsior College® Examination for Fundamentals of Nursing Exam (www.excelsior.edu) with a score of “B” (80%) or higher.
    o Complete Human Anatomy & Physiology I with a grade of “C” or higher
    o Complete Introduction to Psychology with a grade of “C” or higher
    o Complete English 101 Expository Writing OR English 102 Oral and Written Expression with a grade of “C” or higher
    o NURS 101 students, who have successfully completed a practical nursing program and are admitted into the program, will be offered the NURS 103 dosage calculation exam. Those who achieve a 100% grade on this exam will be exempt from taking NURS 103.
  o Submit current United States State LPN license and registration

IMPORTANT NOTES:

• Applicants must meet the minimum technical requirements for the nursing program, have proof of United States citizenship or have proof of legal residency and be at least 18 years of age upon graduation from the program.

• Applicants may have no more than one repeat, as a result of an F- failure, W- withdrawal, or "D" grade in Human Anatomy & Physiology 1, Human Anatomy & Physiology 2, and/or Microbiology at SUNY Canton or any other college. Applicants or students with a second unsuccessful F- failure, W- withdrawal, or "D" grade are ineligible to apply to the SUNY Canton nursing program.

• Applicants may have no more than one repeat, as a result of an F- failure, W- withdrawal, or "D" grade in any of the above prerequisite courses within five years of applying to the nursing program.
• Applicants who have been unsuccessful in two nursing courses or the same nursing course twice at SUNY Canton or another college/nursing program are ineligible to apply to the SUNY Canton nursing program.

• SUNY Canton utilizes a regular decision admission policy. The College will accept applications for admission from November to January of the academic year prior to the applicant's requested admission. The College's Admissions Committee will meet in January and again in March to make final decisions about acceptance into the program. If an applicant exceeds the required admissions requirements for the College, an early acceptance letter will be sent to the applicant as soon as all application materials have been received. As a single purpose institution with limited enrollment, we want students to be aware that a commitment of admission is expected and request an acceptance of offer of admission within two weeks of notification.

• Transfer credit may be awarded for courses that were previously taken at an accredited institution, passed with a grade of “C” or better, and are similar in content and credit hours to those in the SUNY Canton curriculum, such as Anatomy and Physiology I and II, and Microbiology. Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II, and Microbiology completed more than seven years prior to acceptance will need to be repeated or challenged.

RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT

It is the objective of the nursing department that once a student begins the program, he/she will successfully complete it within 4-6 semesters. To that end, the college has implemented a number of measures designed to improve student retention. These include; formation of the Student Retention Committee, the Moving to Success (MTS) early warning identification process, and use of academic advisors. To supplement these measures, the nursing program has implemented the following:

• Use of learning agreements and referrals.
• Assignment of a nursing faculty member as a student’s advisor over the course of the student’s enrollment.

Nursing faculty members and students participate in various recruitment activities including, but not limited to:

• Student open-houses
• Student orientations
• Health fairs

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

Development of nursing policies evolves from identification of issues/concerns via:

• Program review.
• Those identified by faculty members and/or students and/or the advisory board.
• Student evaluations.

Policy changes are implemented when they are published in the A.A.S. Nursing Program Student Handbook. In the event a policy must be implemented immediately, a copy of the policy is distributed to each student and all faculty members. Each semester students are required to read the program handbook and sign a statement that they have obtained, read, and understand the program handbook. All faculty members are provided a copy of the handbook.
ACCOUNTABILITY

Each Canton nursing student is expected to function professionally and be accountable for his/her own action(s). Students are expected to be assertive and to follow the appropriate chain of command in both clinical and campus settings.

- Failure to submit assigned work will result in a written contract established between the instructor and student. Failure to continue to submit assigned work may result in dismissal from the course. A written request for an extension may be submitted to the instructor prior to the due date. The instructor may or may not, at his/her discretion, grant an extension.
- Failure to submit assigned work by 12:00 pm on the last day of instruction for the semester will result in an “F” course grade.
- Failure to notify in advance absence from clinical will result in a contract established between the instructor and student. Any subsequent failure to notify in advance an absence from clinical may result in dismissal from the course.
- Chain of command on the campus setting is as follows:
  o Issues, concerns or problems are addressed initially with the faculty member teaching the course.
  o Failure to resolve the concern at this level, address the concern with the curriculum coordinator
  o Failure to resolve at the curriculum coordinator level, address the concern with the Nursing Director

COMPUTERIZED TESTING POLICY

Students are responsible for an honest and independent effort during testing. When there is evidence of cheating, disciplinary action may be taken; including, but not limited to, receiving a zero for the exam or being withdrawn from the course.

Cheating includes, but is not limited to:
1. Looking at or copying from another student’s exam
2. Communicating or receiving answers during the exam
3. Using unauthorized notes, texts or other materials during an exam
4. Obtaining and/or distributing an unauthorized exam or part of an exam
5. Having additional browser windows open before, during, or after an exam
6. Discussing exam content or questions with classmates who have not yet taken the exam

Policy and procedure for computerized testing:
1. All computerized testing will be proctored and students are expected to be looking only in the direction of their own computer. Students who are observed looking at other computer screens will be verbally warned. If the behavior continues, the student’s computer test will be terminated and the student will receive a zero for that exam.
2. The only browser window allowed to be open during an exam is the one that is being used to administer the exam. This browser window is not to be opened by the students 30 minutes prior to the exam and 30 minutes after the conclusion of the exam process. Absolutely no other browser windows are to be opened before, during, or after an exam (including emails).
3. The student will not open any exam, at any time, unless the exam is a scheduled exam in a proctored setting at the established time.
4. Under no circumstances will a student print out or email an exam or exam results.
5. Students may not discuss the content of an exam until all students have taken the exam.
6. If a student skips a question or does not save an answer properly, the student will not receive credit for that question.
7. All books and personal belongings, including hats, are to be placed at the front of the class.
8. Only proctor approved items are allowed during test (e.g. scratch paper, Kleenex, etc.).
9. No drinks or food are allowed in the testing room, unless approved by proctor.
10. No cell phones or other electronic devices are allowed in the testing area. If a calculator is required, only approved simple calculators will be permitted.
11. Faculty will not define or explain the meaning of terminology for students during an exam.
12. Students will have an opportunity to review their exam in a proctored, formal setting. The faculty will not accept questions concerning answer rationales during the exam.
13. Students may only review their exams in a proctored setting. Accessing an exam outside of a proctored setting is prohibited.

**REMEDIATION POLICY**

**A. Purpose:**
The purpose of remediation is to identify, remediate, and counsel those individuals who demonstrate behaviors or evidence of difficulties in their Nursing Program as early as possible.

Remediation is a system of support for the student, and is not a disciplinary action. The sole purpose of this program is to help struggling students with remediation efforts designed at assisting them to become better equipped to be successful nurses. Remediation may be made for any significant areas of weaknesses. The faculty seeks to ensure that each student successfully completes our program, and is ready to enter the profession having assimilated the necessary knowledge, skills, and attitude and conduct essential for the successful nurse.

**B. Policy**
There are two types of remediation: required and recommended.

1. **Required Remediation**
   a. Students who score less than 850 on the initial proctored HESI exam will be required to complete the standardized HESI remediation plan and take the second proctored exam within three weeks of the initial proctored exam.
   b. Students who are referred for remediation from their clinical instructor will be required to remediate in the practice laboratory.
   c. Students who are referred for remediation from their laboratory instructor will be required to remediate in the practice laboratory.

2. **Recommended Remediation**
   a. If a student is unsuccessful on a theory exam, the student is expected to complete a self-remediation form and submit it to their instructor within three days of the next scheduled exam.
   b. The instructor may identify a need for improvement. It is the student’s choice whether to follow through with those suggestions.

**B. Procedure**

1. **Required Remediation: Skills**
a. The clinical or laboratory instructor refers the student for remediation of nursing skill(s) by completing the Nursing Skill Remediation Referral Form (Appendix A) with the student.

b. The student makes an appointment for remediation with the nursing instructional support associate.

c. The student demonstrates competence of the skill to the nursing instructional support associate.

d. The nursing instructional support associate completes the remediation referral form by documenting the minutes/hours of remediation and signifying that the student has satisfactorily demonstrated the skill in the nursing lab brings the Nursing Skill Remediation Referral Form.

e. The student returns the completed Nursing Skill Remediation Referral Form to the clinical or laboratory instructor.

2. Required Remediation: Standardized HESI Exams

a. Students who score less than 850 on the initial proctored exam will be required to complete the standardized HESI remediation plan.

b. Students may schedule a time and place to take the second proctored exam within three weeks of the initial proctored exam with their course instructor.

i. The standardized exam grade will be 10% of the course grade for the related theory course which will be documented as the higher grade of the two proctored exams.

3. Recommended Remediation: Theory Exams

a. If a student is unsuccessful on a theory exam, the student is expected to complete a self-remediation form and submit it to their instructor within three days of the next scheduled exam. (nursing student self-remediation form)

b. The faculty member will assist the student in developing an individualized remediation plan.

EXPECTEDATIONS OF NURSING STUDENTS AND ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY

Physical expectations of students admitted in the nursing program include being able to ambulate and function in a safe manner and not placing clients in jeopardy – see technical admission requirements. Students who may have or have difficulty in meeting the previous expectations or who may have or have a learning, physical, or mental health disability are encouraged to meet with staff from the Accommodative Services Office on campus to receive assistance.

The department is committed to ensuring compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and will provide accommodations whenever possible. Students meeting the criteria for special accommodations set by the Accommodative Center and who choose to utilize these accommodations are to consult with the course instructor as soon as possible (but prior to the first examination) so that arrangements to meet the students’ needs may be made. All students completing the nursing program must be able to successfully demonstrate the ability to perform all program competencies.

Students who take lecture examinations through accommodative services are asked to speak with the nursing faculty member upon returning to the classroom in order to obtain any announcements, corrections, changes, etc. that may have been made by the instructor during the student’s examination session. It is the student’s responsibility to check with the instructor and to
receive these announcements when returning to the classroom.

The college provides a variety of tutoring services.

**INTEGRITY POLICY**

It is expected that students will be honest in all academic and clinical situations and perform independently on all exams, skills tests, and written assignments.

Any form of cheating or attempting to cheat will result in “F” course grade. The college policy for “Deviant Academic Conduct” found in the college’s student handbook will be adhered to. Students who knowingly collaborate in cheating by assisting others will also be held equally responsible.

Learning assistance materials, supplies, videos, software, and equipment in the lab are for use by all nursing students and are not to be removed unless permission from a nursing faculty member is granted. Removal of such items without permission jeopardizes the learning of all other students and is considered to be a breach of integrity. Removal of such equipment without permission may result in criminal charges.

**PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR**

**Standards of Professional Conduct**

SUNY Canton’s nursing students will adhere to the following standards of professional conduct as an integral aspect of professional socialization.

- **Accountability** - Answering for one’s action to self, the client, the profession and the college.
- **Ethical** - Adhering to the Nurse’s Code of Ethics (ANA, 2004).
- **Legal** - Operating within the standards of care related to the nursing student role.
- **Honesty** - Practicing fairness and truthfulness in conduct.
- **Dependability** - Being trustworthy and reliable.
- **Respect** - Treating others and self with consideration and courtesy.
- **Responsibility** - Performing duties associated with the nurse’s particular role.
- **Confidentiality** - Respecting the privacy of clients by respecting privileged information.
- **Punctuality** - Arriving on time for all classroom and clinical assignments.
- **Professional Appearance** – Following personal appearance standards and uniform policy.

**SUNY Canton College Code of Conduct**

Students are also required to adhere to SUNY Canton Code of Conduct defined on the College website: [http://www.canton.edu/student_affairs/code.html](http://www.canton.edu/student_affairs/code.html)

**American Nurses Association (ANA) Principles for Social Networking**

Students are expected to adhere to the ANA’s Principles for Social Networking as listed below. Violations of these principles may result in termination from the nursing program.

**ANA’s Principles for Social Networking**

1. Nurses must not transmit or place online individually identifiable client information.
2. Nurses must observe ethically prescribed professional client-nurse boundaries.
3. Nurses should understand that clients, colleagues, institutions, and employers may view postings.
4. Nurses should take advantage of privacy settings and seek to separate personal and professional information online.
5. Nurses should bring content that could harm a client’s privacy, rights, or welfare to the attention of appropriate authorities.
6. Nurses should participate in developing institutional policies governing online conduct.

**Six Tips to Avoid Problems**
1. Remember that standards of professionalism are the same online as in any other circumstance.
2. Do not share or post information or photos gained through the nurse-client relationship.
3. Maintain professional boundaries in the use of electronic media. Online contact with clients blurs this boundary.
4. Do not make disparaging remarks about clients, employers or co-workers, even if they are not identified.
5. Do not take photos or videos of clients on personal devices, including cell phones
6. Promptly report a breach of confidentiality or privacy.

**References:**

**Ethical/Legal Behavior**
The Nursing Department believes all nurses and nursing students should follow a professional code of ethics. The American Nurses’ Association — Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice contains the 2004 Code of Ethics.

Violating any of the Standards of Professional Conduct, the SUNY Canton Code of Conduct, or ANA’s Principles for Social Networking will result in a required meeting with the student and Department Director and may include the instructor within five business days and may result in termination from the program with no possibility of return/reapplication.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**
The SUNY Canton nursing faculty believe that in order to ensure excellence and professionalism in nursing, attendance and punctuality for class, practice lab and clinical experiences are essential. Students are expected to attend all planned educational activities and must meet all course objectives. Additionally, regular attendance demonstrates professional behavior and responsibility. In the event of absences, the student’s ability to meet course objectives may be in jeopardy and may result in course failure. Documentation of the emergency and or illness may be requested by the faculty. In the event of an absence from clinical due to illness or serious family problems, the faculty and unit should be notified at least one half hour prior to the scheduled session.

**Definitions:**
Absence: Attendance for less than a full class period (50 minutes) may be counted as absence for the entire class/clinical/lab session.
Tardy: Tardiness is defined as five (5) minutes late.

Regulations:
The New York State Board of Nursing (BON) requires a minimum number of theory and clinical hours for generic students to be eligible for license as a Registered Nurse in New York State. SUNY Canton’s nursing curriculum provides the required number of theory and clinical hours.

Guidelines:
1. Absences may make it impossible for a student to meet course objectives and result in failure of the course. Students who find it necessary to be absent from class, lab or clinical are to notify the instructor/facility, prior to the beginning of class or lab, according to directions given by the course instructor.
2. Students are expected to attend classes, lab and clinical sessions for the full scheduled time.

Clinical Attendance
Students are expected to attend all clinical practicums in order to meet the objectives of the program and legal requirements for licensure. If the student is unable to attend clinical due to an emergency, such as an accident, illness, or death in the immediate family, he/she is responsible for notifying the instructor and the clinical facility prior to the scheduled time. Failure to report the impending clinical absence shall be considered a lack of accountability for the purpose of clinical evaluation. Students who have clinical absences must meet with clinical and course faculty to determine how clinical objectives can be met.

Excused Absences:
a. There will be (1) scheduled makeup day each clinical semester for excused absences.
b. The clinical makeup will include simulation case studies or a makeup day in the student’s clinical setting when openings are available in another instructor’s clinical group as deemed appropriate by the course lead, in consultation with the clinical instructor.
1. Excused absences include: death of immediate family member, documented illness, sanctioned university events, or other extenuating circumstances determined excused by the course coordinator, in consultation with the clinical instructor. Students may be excused from clinical for reasons determined by the college or determined by the clinical faculty in consultation with the course coordinator.
2. Any absence of one day involving a brief, episodic illness such as GI upset, URI is between the instructor and student.
3. If the reason for absence is of serious nature that changes the students’ overall health status (i.e. fracture, surgery, injury), the instructor will advise the student they will be required to obtain a new clinical clearance from the SUNY Canton Student Health Center. The authority to grant health clearance will rest with SUNY Canton Student Health Center. A copy of the clearance statement will be
provided to the Nursing Department Director by the student. Once this documentation is submitted, the student may return to clinical.

**Unexcused Absence:**
An unexcused absence in the semester will automatically result in Clinical Failure for the course, and will result in loss of progression in the nursing program. Unexcused Absences include: Undocumented illness, No Call-No Show, Third Tardy, Removal from the clinical area due to Unprofessional Conduct, or Student’s incomplete filing of clinical documents by deadline (CPR, PPD, immunizations, etc.).

- If a tardy is incurred, the student must meet with the clinical faculty for counseling of professional conduct, and a student contract will be created.
- A third (3rd) clinical tardy scores as an Unexcused Absence. Unexcused absences result in automatic Clinical Failure.

**Health Conditions**
The student is responsible for notifying each clinical instructor and appropriate agency personnel of any health condition which might require special consideration such as pregnancy, diabetes, epilepsy, etc. A physician’s release statement specifying the extent to which the student may participate in clinical activities is required in the following situations:

- Inability or restricted ability to perform clinical activities safely (i.e., back injury, fractures, birth of a baby, surgery, or other disabilities). NOTE: A full release statement is required when there are no longer activity restrictions. The authority to grant health clearance will rest with SUNY Canton Student Health Center.
- Personal illness or injury resulting in clinical absence of more than one week (1-3 days)

**Dismissal of Clinical for Adverse Conditions**
The President of SUNY Canton has the sole authority to dismiss classes due to ice and snow. If the University is closed because of weather or other adverse conditions, clinical practicums will be cancelled. Alternate arrangements will be made in order for students to meet clinical objectives. If classes are delayed (late start) on a clinical day, the clinical instructor has two options:

- Arrange with the clinical agency for the students to come at a later time (i.e., if clinical is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., and the President cancels 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. classes, students may begin clinical at 9:30 a.m.).
- If the instructor decides that there is insufficient time left for a clinical assignment, she/he may schedule “simulation activities” on campus in lieu of clinical experience at another appropriate time.

- Neither the Director of the Department of Nursing or any individual faculty member has the authority to cancel classes - so don’t ask them. Students are urged to use personal judgment about safety in times of inclement weather, and they are to communicate with course and clinical faculty.
Attendance at On-Campus Clinical Lab is required. Students are expected to report by phone, text or email to their lab instructor any absence from lab. Faculty will discuss the mechanics for reporting absences. An alternative assignment related to the course content may be required for an absence.

Theory Attendance
Students are required to attend all theory classes. The nursing faculty subscribes to the philosophy that academic success is directly proportional to class attendance. It is expected that students regularly and punctually attend all class and clinical sessions. Each course delineates specific attendance requirements. Any student absent from an exam must notify the faculty. Exam make up time will be at the discretion of the instructor, which may be within 24 hours after return to college. Students must contact the faculty to arrange time for the make-up test.

Examination Attendance
1. A student who must be absent during a scheduled examination, due to an emergency or illness, must notify the faculty prior to the exam as outlined in the course syllabi.
2. Failure to notify the faculty of absence for an examination results in a grade of zero for that exam unless appropriate documentation is provided.
3. Failure to take the makeup exam at the designated time will result in a zero for that exam.
4. An unexcused absence on an exam date and time will result in a zero for that exam.

STUDENT ACCIDENT/INJURY POLICY

Nursing students who are injured during clinical experiences and receive a personal injury or blood exposure must notify the clinical instructor immediately. Depending on the nature of the injury and after consulting with the affiliating agency’s infection control staff and/or the SUNY Canton Davis Health Center, the student will be referred to the emergency department, the Davis Health Center, or the student’s own healthcare provider. Any blood/body fluid exposures will be evaluated in the nearest emergency department immediately.

Appropriate agency Accident/Injury forms should be obtained from both SUNY Canton and the affiliating agency’s nurse manager of the unit where the accident or injury occurred. The SUNY Canton Accident/Injury report should be completed by the student whenever possible to prevent any breach of confidentiality by college staff. Detailed and extensive reporting is to be avoided.

The nursing department director or curriculum coordinator must be notified by the Clinical Instructor and a SUNY Canton Accident/Injury form obtained and completed (see Appendix B).

Unless immediate evaluation is required in the emergency room setting, the student will contact the SUNY Canton Davis Health Center for advice, referral, or treatment if medically necessary.

The SUNY Canton Nursing Program is not responsible for reimbursement of medical treatment rendered.
**ELECTRONIC DEVICES (cell phones, PDAs, smartphones, laptop computers, etc.)**

1. Cell phone usage in the health care setting will be congruent with the policy of the health care facility.

2. During class times, laptop computers are to be used to access course materials only. Instructors may require students to turn off all electronic devices, including computers, during class, clinical, or laboratory.

3. Students expecting an emergency call during an examination should leave their cell phone/PDA/smartphone with the course instructor for them to answer. The course instructor will relay the message to the student.

**AUDIO RECORDING IN CLASS/LAB/CLINICAL**

Audio recording in class is permitted. Audio recording in the clinical setting is prohibited.

**STUDENT RECORDS**

Please see the SUNY Canton Academic Catalog and AAS (ADN) Nursing Program Handbook. A student file for advisement is maintained for all nursing students in the Dean of Science, Health, and Professional Studies office. This file is accessible to students and faculty.

**STUDENT LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Each student should consider carefully the benefits of purchasing student malpractice insurance. The department recommends that students consider companies endorsed by the American Nurses Association and/or the New York State Nurses Association.

**ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT**

Each nursing student is assigned a nursing faculty member to serve as the student’s academic advisor. The role of the academic advisor is to assist the student to succeed in the nursing program and with academic/professional aspirations. Ideally, students will have the same advisor from admission through graduation. Students may request a different advisor by contacting their desired advisor. The new advisor will contact the dean’s office for assignment of the advisee. Advisors post weekly office hours and are available to meet with students requesting appointments. The advisor will assist the student with referrals to other college services as indicated. Student academic work progress will remain confidential as outlined by FERPA regulations.

**STUDENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION/ASSISTANCE**

Student financial information, including both billing and financial aid may be found in the Student Service Center. One expectation of nursing graduates, as professionals, is that loan commitments and obligations should be honored.

**SUSPECTED ALCOHOL/DRUG USE POLICY**

Any student reporting to clinical, lab, class with signs and symptoms of suspected alcohol/drug use/impairment will not be permitted to participate in clinical, lab, or class. The nursing department director will be notified immediately and a conference with the student will be
scheduled before the student’s next clinical, class, or lab session. The SUNY Canton Student Health Center is responsible for clearing all students as being able to safely perform in clinical. Students who are not cleared by the health center will not be allowed to participate in clinical.

Reasonable suspicion drug testing required is as follows:

1. Any nursing student who demonstrates behavioral changes reasonably suspected to be related to substance abuse will be subjected to testing. A decision to drug test based on reasonable suspicion of substance abuse may be made by a nursing faculty member or clinical agency. The nursing faculty member’s request to drug test will be documented and may be based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to:
   a. Observable phenomena such as direct observation of drug use and or physical symptoms of manifestations of being under the influence of a drug;
   b. Erratic behavior, slurred speech, staggered gait, flushed face, dilated/pinpoint pupils, wide mood swings, or deterioration of work or academic performance;
   c. Information that a student has caused or contributed to an accident that resulted in injury requiring treatment by a licensed health care professional;
   d. Substance abuse related conviction by a court, or found guilty of a substance abuse related offense in another administrative or quasi-legal proceeding.

2. The drug testing procedure set forth below will be followed if this mandatory reasonable suspicion drug testing is requested by nursing faculty members or clinical agency:
   a. Students presumed under the influence of drugs or alcohol shall be dismissed from the class, lab or clinical immediately for drug testing.
   b. The faculty member shall assure safe transport of the student from the classroom, clinical or lab to testing center and the student’s residence.
   c. Drug tests will be arranged by SUNY Canton student health service at the request of the nursing faculty member. The cost of the test will be borne by the student.
   d. Students who refuse to submit to drug testing based upon reasonable suspicion will be dismissed from the nursing program.

SUPERVISION OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION POLICY

The level of supervision of medication administration in the clinical laboratory varies according to the course level of the student. The goal is to ensure the highest quality of client care and safety while providing a maximum learning experience. Students may be limited in medication administration as specified by the clinical instructor and clinical facility.

Specific Medication Policies for SUNY Canton Nursing Students:

1. Students will demonstrate knowledge of medications to be administered, including action, contraindications, side effects, safe dose and client education.
2. Students will verify all medications with their clinical instructor or designated staff registered nurse (RN) utilizing all rights prior to medication administration.
3. Students will verify all computed dosages with the instructor or designated staff RN prior to administration.
4. Students will adhere to facility policy for high alert medications.
5. The clinical faculty member or designated staff nurse will cosign all medications administered by the student.
6. Students will prepare anticoagulant medications and parenteral cardiac medications with supervision by the instructor or designated staff RN.
7. Students will NOT administer intravenous chemotherapy agents.
8. Students are not allowed to bolus epidural infusions.
9. In clinical facilities, policies regarding medication administration override the policies of the Nursing Department.

**NURSING 101**

After demonstration of competency in the practice laboratory, students may pass medications in the clinical setting:
1. Students will be supervised by the clinical instructor during the preparation, administration and recording of all medications.

**NURSING 102**

1. Students will be supervised by the clinical instructor during the preparation, administration and recording of all medications.
2. Students will monitor intravenous infusions received by the clients under their care.
3. Students may add medications to, and hang intravenous infusions to, an existing site with direct supervision by the clinical instructor.
4. Students may administer I.V. piggyback and/or push medications with direct supervision by the clinical instructor.
5. Students may initiate intravenous infusions under the direct supervision of the clinical instructor in clinical facilities according to hospital policy.
6. Students may administer I.V. piggyback medications through a saline lock or infusing IV with direct supervision by the clinical instructor according to hospital procedures.
7. Students may prepare intravenous piggyback infusions with direct supervision. The clinical instructor will verify all intravenous preparations prior to their administration.

**NURSING 201**

1. Students will be supervised by the clinical instructor during the preparation, administration and recording of all oral and injectable medications. *Exception: All medications administered to pediatric clients will be under direct supervision by the clinical instructor and designated staff RN.*
2. Students can perform all of the skills performed by the Nursing 102 student.
3. Students may add medications and administer intravenous solutions with supervision by the clinical instructor.
4. Students may initiate intravenous infusions under the direct supervision of the clinical instructor.
5. Students may administer and monitor blood transfusions/blood products with direct supervision of the clinical instructor.
6. Students may not co-sign any documents regarding blood product identification/compatibility or blood transfusion consent forms.
7. Students may administer intravenous piggyback medications through a saline lock with direct supervision by the clinical instructor.
8. Students can administer lipid solutions with direct supervision of the clinical instructor or designated staff RN.
9. Students can administer and discontinue total parenteral nutrition solutions with direct supervision of the clinical instructor and designated staff RN. Prior to administration of TPN, two RNs must verify solutions.

**NURSING 202**

1. Students can perform all of the skills performed by the Nursing 201 student with direct supervision of the clinical instructor or designated staff RN.
2. Students can load client controlled analgesia (PCA) devices with direct supervision of the clinical instructor or designated staff RN.
3. Students may utilize multiple lumen catheters to administer I.V. infusions and medications under the direct supervision of the clinical instructor or designated RN according to facility policy.

**NURSING SKILL TESTING POLICY**

1. Students are responsible to be competent in their nursing skills.
2. The following skills will be checked in the nursing laboratory: hand washing, IM injections, SQ injections, IV piggybacks, IV therapy, blood transfusion, enteral feeding, sterile suctioning, medication administration, head-to-toe assessment, two-insulin administration, heparin, dry sterile dressing, IV push medications, Foley catheterization
3. Prior to testing by the nursing faculty, each student will be checked by a peer on two separate occasions and deemed competent to test.
4. Each student will complete a videotape of their skills and submit it to the lab instructor at the time frames specified by the lab instructor.
5. The first attempt will be checked by the laboratory instructor.
   a. If a student fails the skill testing on the first try, they will be sent to the laboratory instructional support assist for remediation.
6. The second attempt shall be conducted by the lead faculty member for the course during a time convenient for the faculty member.
7. The third and final attempt will be conducted by the second course faculty member at a time convenient for the faculty member.
8. Failure to pass the skill on the third attempt will result in course failure.

**STUDENTS CHARGED/CONVICTED OF MISDEMEANORS OR FELONIES WHILE ENROLLED IN THE NURSING PROGRAM**

As a part of the student’s educational experience, certain nursing courses (NURS 101, 102, 201, and 202) require that the student be able to apply what he/she has learned in the classroom and laboratory to clients in the clinical setting. In order to provide this experience, the nursing program has entered into contracts with clinical agencies where our students might be performing clinical. As a part of that contract, the nursing program is obligated to notify the clinical agency when any student completing their clinical experience at that agency has been charged with, or convicted of, a misdemeanor or felony. For that reason, the following policy is put into effect:

1. Any student who is enrolled in the nursing major who is charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony while a nursing student is to notify the nursing department director or curriculum coordinator immediately.
2. The nursing department director or curriculum coordinator will contact the clinical agency where the student is performing his/her clinical rotation. Information to be shared with the clinical agency includes: the student’s name, the charges that have been levied against him/her, and the circumstances surrounding those charges.
3. The nursing department director or curriculum coordinator will notify the Dean of the School of Science, Health, and Criminal Justice and the Vice-President for Student Affairs.

4. The clinical agency will either
   a. Provide input into whether or not the student may complete the clinical rotation at their facility. In this case the final determination as to whether or not the student will be allowed to continue in the program will be made by the nursing department director or curriculum coordinator in consultation with the Dean of School of Science, Health, and Criminal Justice and SUNY Legal Counsel. or
   b. Determine that the student cannot complete the clinical rotation at their facility.

5. Because satisfactory completion of NURS 101, 102, 201, and 202 is dependent upon satisfactory completion of the clinical component, students who are not allowed into clinical sites will be dismissed from the program and receive an “F” course grade unless they choose to withdraw.

6. In the event a student charged with a misdemeanor or felony is later exonerated of those charges, they will be allowed to reapply for admission to the program.

7. Failure by the student to notify the nursing department director or curriculum coordinator of misdemeanor or felony charges/convictions will result in course dismissal.

CLINICAL EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

1. Immunizations, proof of being free of TB results, proof of immunity to Measles, Mumps, rubella and varicella, and CPR certification status will be shared with appropriate clinical facilities prior to the first clinical day.

2. It is the student’s responsibility to follow clinical laboratory agency policy and procedures. Policies and procedures are available at all clinical facilities.

3. Students are not allowed to smoke on the grounds of any clinical laboratory facility. Students who violate this policy will be dismissed from clinical, receive a clinical absence which may result in a clinical laboratory failure, and must meet with the Department Chair and may result in termination from the program.

4. Students who perform a procedure prior to discussion with the clinical instructor are considered to practice unsafe nursing. This activity may result in termination from the program.

5. Students are not allowed to take verbal or phone orders from a physician or other healthcare provider.

6. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from clinical laboratory facilities.

7. It may be necessary to make changes after registration to accommodate the needs of the Nursing Department and/or the clinical facility. The nursing faculty members guarantee a clinical experience for all students admitted but there is NO guarantee of specific day, time, instructor or facility.

8. Nursing students are strongly encouraged to have malpractice insurance.

9. Nursing students need to arrange their schedules to meet nursing course requirements. Employed students are advised to work no more than 24 hours a week. Students are requested not to work the shift prior to a clinical laboratory to ensure client and personal safety.

10. Students unprepared for a clinical experience will not be permitted to participate in the clinical experience and will be considered absent. This may result in a clinical laboratory failure.

11. Clinical facilities may require an additional background check from students. Clinical facilities reserve the right to refuse a student based on the results.

12. Students must be able to attend a clinical practicum at any of the clinical facilities used by the Nursing Department during ANY semester. Student’s personal convenience cannot be accommodated.
13. It is the student’s responsibility to notify the Department Director of Nursing if they have been banned or denied entry into ANY clinical facility. Failure to report this information will result in termination from the Nursing Program.

14. Students with an LPN license that has ever been suspended, revoked, terminated or otherwise modified as to rights and privileges must notify the Department Director of Nursing immediately.

15. If the reason for absence is of serious nature that changes the students’ overall health status (i.e. fracture, surgery, injury) the instructor will advise the student they will be required to obtain a new clinical clearance from the Davis Health Center. If the Davis Health Center is providing medical care, written documentation for clinical clearance will be provided as appropriate. If a student is under the medical care of another provider other than the Davis Health Center, documentation will be obtained from that provider and submitted to the Davis Health Center; however the authority to grant health clearance will rest with Davis Health Center. The student will provide a copy of the clearance statement to the Clinical Faculty. Once this documentation is submitted, the student may return to clinical.

16. Each student is to compile a clinical portfolio by the end of their clinical experience. The portfolio is evidence of successful achievement of clinical objectives. The portfolio is to be submitted in an organized format including the following components:
   a. Clinical Reflections arranged in chronological order
   b. Nurses notes
   c. Head to Toe assessments
   d. Risk Assessments
   e. SBAR report
   f. Nursing care plans

17. The portfolio will be submitted to the nursing course instructor (NURS 101, NURS 102, NURS 201, or NURS 202) at the end of the student’s clinical rotation.

**NYS HEALTH REGULATIONS AND MANDATORY CLINICAL ORIENTATION**

Each student is required to comply with the NYS mandatory guidelines that include initial physical examination, annual health assessment update, annual PPD, and MMR vaccination requirements. For those students who are not currently vaccinated against Hepatitis B, this vaccine is strongly suggested.

After being accepted into the Nursing program, the student must show evidence to the SUNY Canton Health Center by the following dates:

1. **May 1st** for those applicants admitted in February for fall admission
2. **July 14th** for those admitted in May for fall admittance
3. **December 30th** for spring admission

**Note:** Failure to complete the health requirements stated below by the dates stated above may result in loss of admission to the program and will result in a 2% final grade reduction if clearance by the Davis Health Center is not done prior to clinical.

1. Have a physical examination completed by your health care provider. The required form is available at: [http://www.canton.edu/health_center/forms/health_history.pdf](http://www.canton.edu/health_center/forms/health_history.pdf)
2. Proof of immunity to Measles (Rubeola) – Must document two doses of live measles vaccine. The first dose must be administered no more than 4 days prior to the first
birthday. The second dose at least 28 days after the 1st dose. A measles (Rubeola) titer showing immunity is also acceptable proof.

3. Proof of immunity to Mumps – Must have documentation of two dose of live mumps vaccine administered no more than 4 days prior to the first birthday. A mumps titer showing immunity is also acceptable proof.

4. Proof of immunity to Rubella (German measles) – Must document one dose of live rubella vaccine administered no more than 4 days prior to the first birthday. A rubella titer showing immunity is also acceptable proof.

5. Proof of immunity to Varicella (chickenpox) – Must document two doses of Varicella vaccine or a Varicella titer showing proof of immunity. Stated history or even documentation by a medical provider of a history of Varicella will not be acceptable proof of immunity.

6. Proof of Tetanus and Pertussis vaccination within 10 years. (i.e. Tdap, DTaP)

7. Hepatitis B vaccine series is strongly recommended, but not required.

8. Tuberculin Skin test (PPD Mantoux) – This is not a vaccine but a test to determine previous exposure to tuberculosis. Two doses of PPD Mantoux testing given at least one week apart is required. The most recent PPD must be current and cover the entire academic year. (I.e. for the fall semester the most recent PPD must be on or after May 1).

9. Proof of influenza vaccination – annually by October 17th and for spring admits December 30th.

10. Proof of current American Heart Association for Health Care Professionals (BLS for Adults, Infant, and Child) CPR certification or Red Cross certification (Professional Rescuer Course)

11. Once all of the above requirements are completed and submitted, all freshman nursing students are required to call the Health Center (315-386-7333) for an appointment to complete their clinical clearance process by August 1. Appointments are available throughout the summer. During this appointment, the Health Center staff will complete the clinical clearance form and provide the student with a copy of the form. This form is submitted to the clinical instructor on the first day of clinical each semester while the student is enrolled in a clinical nursing course.

The following steps will be instituted in order to ensure that the clinical requirements are completed through an organized, efficient, and timely process:

1. Admissions will send a letter stating the CPR and health requirements with the letter of acceptance to the program. The nursing department director will send a list of students admitted into the program to the health center by July 2nd. The health center will send a list of students who have completed their health requirements to the nursing department director by August 1st. Students failing to complete the health requirements by August 1st may be dropped from the program.

1. Any additions to the roster for each semester will be made on a separate sheet in alphabetical order by Health Center staff.
   a. Clinical requirements for the fall semester will be presented to the NURS 102 class in April.

2. All students will be notified by their instructor as to who needs clinical clearance for the following semester/year at least three weeks prior to the semester’s end.

3. All returning students are required to have a completed clinical form in hand on the first day of class.

4. All continuing/returning nursing students will complete the clinical requirements before the semester ends in May.
5. Late admit students or students who do not obtain a health clearance in the week prior to the start of classes, or later, must have tuberculin skin tests prior to that appointment for clearance with the Davis Health Center by their own provider/employer at their own expense.

6. Health reassessment forms and tuberculin skin tests will be done concurrently so only one visit is required for the year.

7. The clinical health clearance form is incomplete until the PPD is read and signed by the health care provider.

8. In addition to the above guidelines, each student is required to participate in the clinical agency’s clinical orientation

**CLINICAL POLICIES**

- Each student receives a clinical grade of either pass "P" or fail "F".
- Specific guidelines for clinical performance are found in the clinical sections of each course manual.
- In order to protect students from any potential legal/ethical conflicts, **cell phones are not allowed on the clinical unit under any circumstance.** If you feel you need to be contacted by someone during the clinical experience, please leave contact information (clinical agency and floor/unit name and telephone numbers) with individuals who may need to contact you.
- Students scheduled to complete their clinical time on the weekends must have 14 weeks of clinical; therefore, weekends encompassing a holiday on the academic calendar may be worked.
- Uniform/appearance
  1. Students will follow the clinical agency’s appearance policy.
  2. The dark navy uniform is to be worn to clinical and community health agencies only as directed by the faculty. Uniforms are to be neat, clean, fit, and be in good condition. A clean, white, short or long sleeve t-shirt may be worn under the uniform top. SUNY patch is to be on the right sleeve.
  3. Students may not wear uniform coverings such as lab jackets, sweaters, etc. when providing client care.
  4. For clinical experiences that do not require/allow a uniform to be worn, students are expected to be dressed in professional attire (no jeans, tee shirts, sleeveless shirts, or open toed/heeled shoes) and be well groomed.
  5. Uniforms/clothing at professional conferences must cover the midriff, cleavage of the breast, and buttocks at all times. Underwear should not be visible through clothing.
  6. Hair must be neatly arranged and worn off the collar. Ponytails/braids are acceptable.
  7. No necklaces/medals are to be worn.
  8. No visible body piercing (eye brows, cheeks, nose, tongue, face), except for earrings are allowed. Dangling and hoop earrings are not allowed.
  9. Body art (tattoos) must be covered as per the clinical facility’s policy.
  10. A plain wedding band is the only acceptable ring worn in the clinical setting.
  11. A watch capable of counting seconds is required. It is recommended that the watch band be an expansion type. A lapel watch is permitted.
  12. All students will be expected to observe good personal hygiene. Only non-perfumed hygienic products are allowed. Perfume and cologne should not be worn in the clinical setting.
  13. Picture ID is required and worn over the heart on the right side of the body.
14. Clean white stockings or socks are worn with the uniform.
15. Clean sneakers are worn with the uniform. White nursing shoes are also acceptable. Open-toed and/or open-heeled shoes are not allowed.
16. Bandage scissors and penlight are considered part of the uniform and should be taken to every clinical. On most clinical units, students may take their own stethoscope. Students are required to purchase their own stethoscope and BP cuff.
17. Fingernails are to be no longer that the tip of the finger. Clear, colorless nail polish is the only nail polish allowed. Acrylic/artificial nails are not allowed in the clinical setting.
18. The determination of appropriate attire and application of the uniform policy is at the discretion of the clinical instructor.
19. The student must hold CPR certification by July 14th (or before) for fall admission and by January 3rd for spring admission and throughout the program. American Heart Association for Health Care Professionals (BLS for Adults, Infant, and Child) certification is valid for two years. Red Cross certification (Professional Rescuer Course) is valid for two years. Totally online certification or re-certification is not accepted. Note: “Heart Saver” and “Community CPR do not meet the CPR requirement. A copy of the CPR card is placed in the student’s clinical folder in the Davis Health Center.
20. Students are expected to adhere to all infection control policies and procedures of the clinical agency. Students who have exudative lesions, weeping dermatitis, or other possible communicable conditions should bring this to the attention of their clinical instructor prior to providing any type of client care.
21. It is expected that students will function in a safe manner and not place clients in jeopardy. To provide safe and effective care, students need to prepare for the clinical experience. Instructions for clinical preparation are in the clinical manuals for each course. Students who are not prepared for clinical will receive a verbal warning the first time they are not prepared. The second time the student comes to clinical unprepared a written contract is established between the instructor and student. If the student comes to clinical unprepared for a third time, it will result in clinical/course failure.
22. Students will be permitted to sign up one time for a clinical rotation at a facility where they are employed while a student in the nursing program.
23. CONFIDENTIALITY: All information and records related to client care are to be treated in a confidential manner according to both state and federal regulations. Students who fail to maintain client confidentiality will be immediately dismissed from the program and receive an "F" course grade. Keep in mind the following:
   a. Be very careful in sharing client/resident information.
   b. Do not discuss client/resident care with anyone who is not directly involved in the delivery of care to that individual.
   c. Do not discuss clients/residents anywhere outside of the facility. Within the facility, do not discuss client/residents in the cafeteria, hallway, elevator, bathroom, parking lot, etc.
   d. As a rule, only discuss clients/residents in pre or post conference and with your clinical instructor or nursing staff at the facility. At times, clinical cases/situations may be discussed as a learning experience in the classroom or lab setting. When this happens, all identifiers must be omitted.
   e. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) - Requires that health information about clients be secured in such a way that only those with the right and need to acquire the information are able to do so. Be sure not to
leave charts out or computer screens open where others (without authorization for access) can view it.

f. **HIV Confidentiality** Part 63 – describes confidentiality related to test results for individuals infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) which may lead to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). HIV test results or information regarding a person’s HIV status (positive or negative) should not be shared with any individual.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

*Student Governance and Participation in Faculty and Course Meeting:*
SUNY Canton offers students opportunities to have a voice in College functions through recognized campus student government associations and appropriate student groups and committees. Monthly town hall meetings will be scheduled for students to express their concerns and recommendations. A faculty member will facilitate the town hall meetings. All issues and concern will be brought to the faculty meetings for discussion and action. Follow up on students’ concerns will be communicated with the appropriate student(s).

*Student Nursing Association (SNA)*
The Nursing Program maintains an organization for students sponsored by Canton College of Technology SCA (Student Cooperative Alliance). This association promotes personal and professional growth. Attendance at local, state, and national nursing conferences, participation in fund raising events, coordination of health related activities, field trips and planning of the annual recognition ceremony following graduation are examples of sponsored programs. Students enrolled in the health certificate, practical nurse and associate degree and baccalaureate-nursing programs are eligible to attend.

*Health Related Volunteer Activities*
Students are encouraged to provide health related volunteer service to organizations and individuals in need throughout the nursing program.

*Nursing Recruitment*
Students may participate in area nursing recruitment activities and efforts.

*North Country Professional Nurses Association*
Upon graduation, associate-degree nursing students are offered a free one-year membership in NYSNA District#6, the professional nursing organization.

**AWARDS**

Students from the Nursing Program are eligible to apply for any of the many college need-based awards and scholarships and may do so through contacting the Financial Aid Office. Among these are the Goldie Burgess Scholarship, the Ethelyn B. Davis Memorial Scholarship, the Dr. Harry E. Howe Scholarship, the Fulton and Anna McAllister Scholarship, the Elaine Claxton Pidgeon Scholarship, and the St. Lawrence State Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association Scholarship. A complete listing is found in the SUNY Canton Academic Catalog.

In addition, the nursing faculty recommends students for special nursing awards such as:

*The Virginia McAllister Award for Excellence in Nursing*
Criteria for this award are **Academic Excellence** (3.0 Average and B or better in all nursing courses, **Initiative** (Assumes responsibility for own learning; is self-motivated, shows leadership ability, **Skill in Nursing Practice** (Creative nursing care, competence and safety, implements the nursing process effectively) **Professionalism** (Inspires confidence in clients, humaneness, respected by peer, faculty, and health team members) and **Communication Abilities** (Expresses self in a positive manner).

**The Catherine Kelly Award for Psychiatric Nursing Practice**
Criteria for this award are B or better average, a graduating senior, clinical excellence, strong IPR skills, and a demonstrated commitment of nursing to psychiatric clients.

**The Linda Lahey Fay**
Criteria for this award are and a senior graduate who has assisted both fellow students and faculty members throughout the Nursing program.

**SUNY Canton Nursing Faculty Award**
In May of 2002, the nursing faculty established the SUNY Canton Nursing Faculty Award to recognize a senior graduate who has assisted both fellow students and faculty members throughout the nursing program.

**Paula Bouchard Jacques Award**
This award recognizes a freshman student who has earned a B or better grade in NURS 101 and has assisted fellow students in learning. The student should demonstrate strong assessment skills, effective communication skills, and respect and caring for the elderly

**Eva Niles Award**
Criteria for this award are a well-rounded student who has completed one year of the nursing program. This award is sponsored by Canton-Potsdam Hospital in honor of Eva Niles, CPH’s first employee. Ms. Niles began her career on March 13, 1925 in the John Brown Home@ a small house on the corner of Cottage and Waverly which was to be the first Canton - Potsdam Hospital. She was the nurse, the billing clerk, the maintenance worker, the nutritionist, the laundress and the superintendent.... in fact she was the only employee. The award is sponsored by the administration of today’s CPH who wish to honor her commitment.

**Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center Team Player Award**
The Team Player Award was established in 2005 by Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center to recognize a senior graduate who has been identified by faculty and peers as being an integral part of the clinical team. This graduate demonstrates a willingness to go beyond what is expected to help out peers, staff, and clinical instructor.

**North Country Professional Nurses Association, District #6 /NYSNA Nursing Award**
Criteria for this award are graduating senior student with a 3.0 or better GPA, strong clinical performance record, participation in professional, political and/or community activities, and potential for active participation in the North Country Professional Nurses Association, District #6 /NYSNA with intent to live and work in Jefferson, Lewis, or St. Lawrence County.

**Linda Richards Award**
Criteria for this award are a graduating senior student with a positive attitude, which she termed having heart, a commitment and to both the art and science of nursing, and a desire for further education. This award is sponsored by Canton-Potsdam Hospital in honor of America’s First Trained Nurse who was born in West Potsdam, New York.

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Perseverance Award
The Perseverance Award was established by the Nursing faculty to recognize a senior graduate who has been successful in achieving a nursing education by persistently, diligently, and whole-heartedly pursuing his or her goal.

PROGRAM TERMINATION

Termination from the nursing program is based upon any one of the following:
1. Unsuccessful completion of NURS 101, NURS 102, NURS 201, NURS 202 (nursing clinical courses). These courses must be taken sequentially and completed successfully. If the student is unsuccessful in NURS 101, NURS 102, NURS 201, NURS 202 (the student must reapply to the nursing program through the Admission’s Department. This can only be done once (see Admissions Criteria).
2. Cheating SUNY Canton has a longstanding policy that prohibits cheating and plagiarism; therefore, students in all classes are expected to do their own work. Any proven incident of cheating, plagiarism or other dishonest activity will result in the student being terminated from the nursing program with no possibility of re-entry or re-admission.

This policy includes:
1. The Nursing Department expects that all student assignments will be the student’s own work.
2. Any verbal communication or written material that is fraudulent, untruthful and/or dishonest or written in an unprofessional manner. Submitting written material previously submitted by another or self for a grade.
3. Academic dishonesty such as cheating on exams, knowingly assisting another to cheat, or failure to report observed cheating by other students.
4. Unsafe clinical practice

Unsafe: Nursing Department faculty reserve the right to remove from the clinical area any student deemed unsafe. The clinical facility reserves the right to remove a student from the facility and not allow the student to return. This can occur at any point during the semester. Should this occur, the student will have a conference with their course faculty member and the Department Director of Nursing. Any student who has a clinical evaluation of unsafe will be terminated from the nursing program with no possibility of re-entry or re-admission. Unsafe practice includes:
   a. Lack of preparation for clinical practicum.
   b. Performance which could jeopardize life, impedes recovery, or interferes with the maintenance of the client’s current health status.
   c. Failure to immediately report a client-care error to the clinical faculty and/or responsible nursing personnel.
   d. Performance of a procedure prior to discussion with the clinical instructor is considered unsafe nursing practice. This may result in termination from the program.
   e. The New York State Board of Nursing will be notified of licensed students who have been terminated due to unsafe practice.
   f. Students testing positive for drugs/alcohol will be deemed unsafe for the clinical setting and will be terminated from the Nursing Program. Students that test positive for drugs and hold an LPN license will be reported to the New York State Board of Nursing.
4. Violations of principles of confidentiality.
5. Violating any of the policies within this handbook may result in termination from the program with no possibility of return/reapplication.
6. Failure of entering students to provide adequate clinical eligibility documentation by the deadline date and time will result in the student being terminated from the program and needing to reapply to the program.
7. It is the student’s responsibility to notify the Department Director of Nursing if they have been banned or denied entry into ANY clinical facility that the Nursing Program uses for student instruction. Failure to report this information will result in termination from the Nursing Program.
8. Orientation to class, college laboratory and clinical laboratory is critical to student’s performance. Absence from any of these orientations may necessitate an instructor-initiated withdrawal from the course. Punctual attendance at all nursing classes—lecture, college laboratory, clinical practicum and assigned community experiences is expected. Excessive absences from any of these (lecture, college laboratory and/or clinical laboratory) may result in an instructor-initiated withdrawal from this course.
9. Punctual attendance at each clinical laboratory is mandatory; therefore, the Nursing Department requires documentation and/or notification of any emergency or illness
   a. No call, no show in the clinical laboratory may result in dismissal from the course.
   b. Failure of the student to produce documentation when requested may result in withdrawal.
10. Permanent termination from the Nursing Program will be warranted for refusal to submit to drug/alcohol screening without adequate explanation.
11. Students identified as accessing their wireless devices in the classroom, college laboratory or any clinical facility will be required to meet with the Department Director within five business days and may result in termination from the program.
12. Performance that violates the SUNY Canton Student Handbook, Student Rights and Responsibilities and/or the Nursing Department Student Policy Handbook.
13. Falsification of any documents required by, and turned in to the Nursing Department will result in being terminated from the Nursing Program.
14. A student may appeal their termination by filing an academic grievance as described in the student handbook. Students may not attend classes during the appeal process.

PINNING CEREMONY

The pinning ceremony is the Nursing Department completion ceremony for graduates. The ceremony is sponsored by the pinning committee and held at the end of each semester. A specific date for the ceremony is determined by members of the graduating class and the faculty advisor. It is held at the end of Nursing 202 and LPNC 103.

There is a specific protocol which has been traditionally established for the ceremony. Dress code for this event is professional attire according the dress code. The planning committee for the ceremony consists of the nursing faculty, members of the graduating classes and the pinning committee.

The costs for the ceremony are the responsibility of the graduation class.

The pinning ceremony is a long-held tradition in the field of nursing signifying the culmination of the educational program. This ceremony is a welcoming of students into the professional field of nursing. Students are expected to behave in an appropriate and respectful manner during this solemn event.
Appendix A: NURSING STUDENT SELF-REMEDICATION FORM

Student Name: __________________________ Course: _______________________

Date of exam: _______ Exam score: _______ Date of next exam: ____________

Your last exam score was below 75%. You are advised to contact your course faculty to schedule
an appointment and discuss the following form. Complete the student portion of this form prior to
meeting with your faculty.

Student will complete the following (please check all that apply).

1. How many classes did you attend since the last exam?
   ___ I attended all classes ___ I missed __ classes

2. In the week there is not an exam
   ___ I spend __ hours studying for this course
   ___ I read the text and assigned readings
   _____% of the readings completed
   When I do the readings I:
   ___ Take notes ___ Outline ___ Other: ______
   ___ I study alone ___ I study with a group
   ___ I complete optional study activities

3. When I attend class I
   ___ Take notes ___ Participate ___ Ask questions

4. In the week there is an exam
   ___ I spend ____ hours preparing for the exam
   ___ I review Power Points and faculty notes
   ___ I review previously read assignments
   ___ I review my notes
   ___ I study alone ___ I study with a group

5. These are part of my routine study habits
   ___ I review my notes from the readings and class
   ___ I use an outline of the key points from the reading
   ___ I study the key points from the end of the chapters
   ___ I have a study schedule and plan
   ___ I complete 50-100 standardized questions (PrepU) prior to the exam
   ___ I review the answers and rationale of the standardized exam prior to the exam
   ___ I study in a group

6. My best time to study is ________________________
The time I usually study is ______________________

7. My test taking strategy consists of
   ___ Reading the question more than once
   ___ Rephrasing the question in my own words
   ___ Watching for negative words (i.e. except)
   ___ Identifying all the wrong answers before selecting
   ___ Rarely changing answers
8. What best describes your exam experience
   ___ I have test anxiety
   ___ When others finish the exam, I feel pressured to hurry and finish the exam
   ___ I am one of the first ones done with an exam
   ___ I am one of the last ones done with an exam
   ___ When I change my answers on an exam, I change to the wrong answer

9. My overall impression of why I performed below standard is/are: (Check all that apply)

   | I misread question. ________________ | I misunderstood the question. ___ |
   | I read into the question. ____________ | I missed important keywords. ___ |
   | I did not remember subject content. __ | I did not understand subject.     |
   | I did not recognize rationale for answer. ______ | I guessed wrong. ______ |
   | I changed the answer. ________ | I marked the answer incorrectly. |
   | I did not read all responses carefully _______ | I used incorrect rationales for |
   |                                             | response. ___ |
   | I did not have time to study. ____________ | Other: |

10. Are there any stressors that are impacting your performance (family, financial, employment)? What is your strategy to overcome these stressors? When will your strategy begin?

   __________________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________________

11. What do you feel is the most difficult challenge in this course?

   __________________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________________
12. What do you plan to do differently to prepare for the next exam?

______________________________________________________________________________

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______________________________________________________________________________

13. Plan for Success (to be developed with Faculty /Instructor):

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Student Name: __________________________ Date: ___________________

Faculty Advisor: ______________________ Date: ___________________
Appendix B: Acknowledgment of Computerized Testing Policy

I have received a copy and have read the SUNY Canton Nursing Program Computerized Testing Policy.

By signing, I indicate my understanding and willingness to comply with these regulations and requirements.

Student Name________________________________________________________
(Print)

Student Signature: ___________________________________________________
Date: _________________________
Appendix C: Attestation

State University of New York
College of Technology
Canton, New York

TO: All Students
FROM: Faculty
RE: Attestation

I. All nursing students are responsible for reading and reviewing the college’s SUNY Canton Student Handbook, and the SUNY Canton AAS (ADN) Nursing Program Handbook. After your review of these two documents, please make a copy of this form and place it in your clinical folder. Submit the original to the Course Instructor on the first day of class lecture.

II. I have read the SUNY Canton Student Handbook and SUNY Canton AAS (ADN) Nursing Program Handbook carefully, and any questions to the faculty on or before the first class day. I understand that:

- All pre-requisites, co-requisites, and nursing courses must be completed and passed to be eligible for graduation.
- I must have an overall GPA of 2.0 to graduate (college policy) and achieve at least a 75 in all nursing courses.
- It is my responsibility to contact the State Board for Nursing/Office of the Professions/State Education Department regarding future licensure if I have been convicted of a crime.
- Students are encouraged to investigate student nursing malpractice insurance.
- Nursing students having difficulty with course work are encouraged to contact the college’s Tutoring Center to discuss tutoring or referral to the Writing Center, or Math/Science Lab. The Tutoring Center, Writing Center, and Math/Science lab are located in the Southworth Library/Learning Commons. Information regarding academic support services can be found under ‘Academic Services’. This is listed under ‘Students’ on the SUNY Canton web site.
- Students with disabilities should consult with the college’s Accommodative Services Office (ext. 7392)

Signature____________________________________  Date___________________

Print Name _____________________________________________________________