

Weber State University
Dumke College of Health Professions
School of Nursing
Functional Requirements for Student Success

Weber State's Nursing Program values diversity in the students who wish to enter the profession of nursing. Students interested in entering the nursing program must be aware of functional requirements, environmental factors, and psycho social demands that must be met to be considered as a candidate for entry level into the nursing profession.

Functional requirements include, but are not limited to:

- * Must be able to independently push, pull, and lift a medically fragile adult when positioning or transferring.
- * Must have the ability to palpate body structures and be able to differentiate and report subtle variations in temperature, consistency, texture and structure.
- * Must be able to identify and distinguish subtle variations in body sounds such as breathing.
- * Must be able to read, understand, and apply printed material which may include instructions printed on medical devices, equipment and supplies.
- * Must be able to visually distinguish subtle diagnostic variations in physical appearance of persons served. An example would be "pale color".
- * Must be able to distinguish subtle olfactory changes in physical characteristics of persons served.
- * Must be able to walk and stand for extended periods of time.
- * Must possess the ability to simultaneously and rapidly coordinate mental and muscular coordination when performing nursing tasks.
- * Must be able to effectively communicate in English, in both written & verbal format.

Environmental factors include:

- * Protracted or irregular hours of work.
- * Ability to work in confined and/or crowded spaces.
- * Ability to work independently as well as with coordinated teams.
- * Potential exposure to harmful substances and/or hazards.

Psycho social demands include:

- * Ability to maintain emotional stability during periods of high stress.
- * Ability to work in an emotionally charged or stressful environment.