Policy # S-13

POLICY: PROGRAM HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the health requirements for students entering and progressing through the nursing program. It is the intent of this policy to keep students safe and to assure that they are in the best of health to render safe nursing care to clients.

1. All students preparing to enter the nursing program must participate in a Pre-Entrance Physical Examination by a licensed physician. This examination includes the successful completion of all required immunizations. See related Policy # S-11, Pre-Entrance Physical Examination.

2. All students are required to report any serious illness, disease, accident, injury, or absence from school because of these events to the nursing program office. It is the responsibility of the student to report any changes in physical or mental health that could impact their safety or their ability to give safe care to clients. Clearance from the student’s physician is required before the student is permitted to return to class or clinical.

3. Repeat physical exams may be requested of students who go beyond the two year expected time in the program. This is the decision of the Director of the program. Many variables will be considered, including, the expected extension time in the program, the specific classes yet to take (theory or clinical), and the health requirements of the involved clinical facility.

4. Immunizations must be current at all times. It is the student’s responsibility to verify the currency of their health record with the nursing program office.
   - PPD tests must be conducted and recorded annually
   - Other immunizations must be tracked on an individual basis to assure currency
   - Annual influenza injection required prior to 10/31 each year in order to meet clinical agency requirements.