

# Kirtland Community College

## REQUIRED ABILITIES for NURSING STUDENTS

A student in the Kirtland Community College Nursing Program must have the following abilities with or without accommodation:

- Ability to distinguish shades of colors, perceive depth, and see peripherally with visual acuity sufficient to provide nursing assessment, patient care, and evaluation of patient care, including use of patient care equipment
- Free of illegal use of controlled substances or illegal drugs. Drug testing may be required.
- Ability to independently lift 35 pounds and pull 100 pounds
- Ability to hear very soft sound and distinguish/describe different sounds sufficient to monitor patients, communicate, and use equipment for patient care, including use a stethoscope/fetoscope to auscultate sounds
- Ability to consistently and appropriately communicate therapeutically by listening, verbal, and non-verbal methods
- Ability to distinguish smells and accurately describe, sufficient to monitor and assess patients
- Ability to stand for up to 2 hours, walk quickly and move in crowded spaces while using hands, and ability to climb 50 stairs
- Ability to utilize gross and fine motor skills and tactile ability sufficient to assess patients, provide patient care, evaluate interventions, and operate equipment in patient care environments
- Ability to generally maintain skin integrity of hands and arms
- Immunity from communicable diseases with vaccine (documentation is required)

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### Notes:

- Students with **latex allergy or sensitivity** should discuss this with their health care provider, and are required to meet with the Associate Dean of Instruction or Clinical Coordinator and sign receipt of information.
- Felony convictions and certain misdemeanors involving abuse and/or neglect of vulnerable populations will prohibit admission to clinical agencies required for the nursing program. A FBI fingerprinting process is required. Information regarding this process will be provided to you upon acceptance into the program.
- The “Required Abilities and Health Care Provider Recommendation of Nursing Student” form will be provided to you upon acceptance into the program.

### Once the program begins (clinical):

- Hair is to be worn off the collar and conservative styling. Long hair is to be tied up and back off the face, neck/collar. Color must be within normal limits (brown, black, blonde).
- Fingernails are to be kept short and clean (nail polish colorless). No fake fingernails allowed.
- No visible tattoos.
- No visible body piercings (except in the ear).
- Clean shaven or well trimmed beard no longer than one inch in length.
- Smoking is not allowed in classroom and clinical facilities. Smoking odor must not be present on clothing or hair or breath.
- Other regulations and agency restrictions will be discussed at the nursing program orientation just prior to beginning the nursing program.

**\*\*\*\*\* SAMPLE ONLY \*\*\*\*\***

Kirtland Community College Nursing Students are required to provide the KCC Health Careers Office with written documentation of 2-step tuberculin skin testing and immunity to the below listed diseases

in the form of: ***Immunization Records*** or ***Lab Results***

See summary below for details.

<b>Summary of Immunization &amp; Tuberculin Skin Testing Requirements are as follows:</b>		
<b>Hepatitis B:</b>	<b>3 doses of vaccine: Students are advised to obtain anti-HBs serologic testing 1-2 months after dose #3.</b>	
<b>Measles:</b>	<b>2 doses of live virus vaccine after the first birthday or documented serologic evidence of immunity.</b>	
<b>Mumps:</b>	<b>2 doses of live-virus vaccine after the first birthday or documented serologic evidence of immunity.</b>	
<b>Rubella:</b>	<b>1 dose of live-virus vaccine after the first birthday or documented serologic evidence of immunity.</b>	
<b>Varicella:</b>	<b>2 doses of vaccine or documented serologic evidence of immunity.</b>	
<b>Td/Tdap:</b>	<b>After primary vaccination, 1 Td booster dose within the last 10 years. Students younger than 65 years of age should be given a one-time dose of Tdap.</b>	
<b>Influenza:</b>	<b>Students are advised to receive 1 dose annually after October 1<sup>st</sup>.</b>	
<b>Tuberculin Skin Testing (TST):</b>	<p><b>Mantoux intradermal two-step skin test within 90 days prior to beginning the program. A two-step Tuberculin Skin Test is one test followed by a second test in 1-4 weeks. If student has documentation of a negative two-step within 1 year, a single Mantoux TST is acceptable thereafter.</b></p> <p><b>Students with previous positive Mantoux skin test who are unable to be skin tested will require a chest x-ray within the last year and completion of <u>KCC Tuberculin Symptom Questionnaire</u> by Health Care Provider.</b></p>	

The above requirements are based on Healthcare Worker Vaccination Recommendations from the (ACIP) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, (CDC) Centers for Disease Control. For additional information visit [www.vaccineinformation.org](http://www.vaccineinformation.org) and [www.cdc.gov/tb](http://www.cdc.gov/tb)

For questions regarding the above immunization requirements, please contact:

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**PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR OFFICIAL IMMUNIZATION RECORD AND/OR REPORT OF LABORATORY EVIDENCE.**