

By law, a prospective nursing candidate must demonstrate the physical and psychological ability to provide safe nursing care. With this legal requirement as a guide, every prospective student must assess his or her ability to provide safe and competent nursing care prior to choosing nursing as a career. To understand the physical and psychological qualifications needed for successful nursing, the essential abilities have been listed below.

	<p>The nursing student must possess critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.</p>	<p>Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations.</p>
		<p>Demonstrate caring behaviors</p>
	<p>The nursing student must possess communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.</p> <p>The nursing student must possess physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.</p>	<p>Communicate relevant, accurate, and complete information in a concise and clear manner both verbally and in writing to patients and health care team members.</p> <p>Utilize information technology to support and communicate the provision of care.</p> <p>Move around in patient rooms, workspaces, and treatment areas</p> <p>Administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation.</p> <p>Stand, squat, reach above head, lift, push, pull</p> <p>Walk the equivalent of five</p>
