Technical Standards Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD)

Technical Standards for Admission, Continuation, and Graduation

Critical thinking for the purposes of scholarly inquiry and reasoning is an essential skill consistent with doctoral study. Students must be prepared to read, write and communicate effectively and efficiently in oral and written English. Students must be able to independently prepare and interpret graphical representations of quantitative data. They must be able to read, interpret and synthesize the literature, including statistical analyses, and demonstrate command of essential concepts through a dissertation and other scholarly papers, written for publication or distribution to professional and lay audiences; oral and poster presentations for professional and lay audiences; examinations; and application in clinical settings. They must be able to do so independently so that their work reflects their own abilities, but also be able to identify and communicate the limits of their knowledge to others when appropriate. Students must have basic computers skills that include but are not limited to: document preparation, sending and receiving email with attachments, internet navigation, access databases that includes the school library, and the ability to access internet with the required software to access and complete the required courses. Good judgment is required to plan their program of study so that they will complete the requirements for graduation in the specified amount of time.