Allied Health Program Essential Functions

Professional Technical Standards

The role of the student demands intelligence, sound judgment, intellectual honesty, the ability to relate with people and the capacity to react to emergencies in a calm and reasoned manner. An attitude of respect for self and others, adherence to the concepts of privilege and confidentiality in communicating with patients, and commitment to the patient’s welfare are essential attributes.

Students participating in the health program must:

- Have the academic ability to learn a large volume of technically detailed information and be able to synthesize and use this data to solve complex clinical problems. This information must be acquired in a short and intense period of study which requires well developed study skills, a high level of motivation and may require considerable personal and financial sacrifice.
- Have the mental, emotional, physical ability, and stamina to complete the program in the required sequence.
- Possess the emotional maturity and stability to approach highly stressful human situations in a calm, safe, and rational manner.
- Have well developed oral and written English language communication skills.
- Be physically and academically prepared to participate in clinical assignments which occur at different times in a variety of geographical locations.
- **Insurance**—it is highly recommended, but optional, that students be covered by medical insurance before practicing in the clinical setting, as this is NOT provided by the College. Students are responsible for their own health insurance. Personal health insurance information is available at the ACM Business Office located in Room 162 of the College Center building.
- **Health Care Provider CPR Certification** is required for all programs except Human Services and Med Lab Technician.
- Display strong ethical integrity consistent with working as a health care professional
- Be free of contagion and possess sufficient physical stamina with or without reasonable accommodations and possess mental stability to fulfill the requirements of the program and the customary requirement of the profession to competently perform the technical activities that are a critical part of the program curriculum and profession, including:
  a. Work 10-12 hours performing physical tasks requiring physical energy without jeopardy to patient and student safety as, for example, bending, lifting, turning and ambulating adult patients.
  b. Perform fine movements and be able to manipulate instruments and equipment.
  c. Establish and work toward goals in a consistently responsible, realistic manner.
  d. Have auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.
  e. Have visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary for patient care.