



Essential Behaviors for Admission, Continuation, and Graduation: Graduate Students

In addition to the University of Alaska Anchorage Student Conduct Code, Board of Regents' Policy and University Regulation, students must abide by the following specifications for academic behaviors and abilities in order to be admitted, to continue, and to graduate from the Master of or DNP in Nursing Science program.

Communication

Students must communicate effectively and professionally with other students, staff and faculty members, professionals, and others relevant to their programs of study. Expression of ideas and feelings must be clear and appropriate for a professional setting. Students must demonstrate a willingness and ability to give and receive feedback.

Cognitive

Students must be able to adequately reason, analyze, integrate, synthesize, and evaluate in the context of the activities of their programs of study.

Behavioral/Emotional

Students must have the emotional ability to function effectively under stress and adapt to environments that may change rapidly without warning and/or in unpredictable ways as relevant to their programs of study. Students must possess the emotional ability required for the full utilization of intellectual abilities, the exercise of sound judgment, and the timely completion of responsibilities in their programs of study. Further, students must be able to maintain mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with study subjects, students, faculty and staff members, and other professionals, under all circumstances including highly stressful situations. Students must be able to demonstrate empathy for the situations and circumstances of others and appropriately communicate that empathy. Students must acknowledge that values, attitudes, beliefs, emotions, and experiences affect their perceptions and relationships with others. Students must be able and willing to examine and change behaviors when they interfere with productive individual or team academic relationships. Students must demonstrate effective and respectful relationships with the diverse academic, professional, and community environments relevant to their programs of study.

Professional Conduct

Students must demonstrate the attributes of compassion, integrity, honesty, responsibility, and tolerance. Students must possess the ability to reason morally and conduct their discovery and/or application of knowledge relevant to nursing science in a manner consistent with [ethical scientific and scholarly conduct](#) and [guidelines for the protection of human subjects](#).

Reasonable Accommodation for Disabilities

The School of Nursing is committed to ensuring that students with disabilities are given equal access through reasonable accommodations to its services, programs, activities, education and employment for students with disabilities. The School works closely with [UAA Disability Support Services \(DSS\)](#) in this process. DSS is the contact point for students with permanent or temporary sensory, physical or psychological disabilities interested in requesting reasonable accommodations due to the effects of a disability.

Students must follow the established policies for requesting and receiving reasonable accommodations. Students who wish to request reasonable accommodations are encouraged to contact DSS to start the process for documenting their disability and determining eligibility for services prior to the start of the program. While this process can be started at any time, reasonable accommodations will not be implemented retroactively, so being timely in requesting your accommodations is very important. The University does have policies regarding the type of documentation required in order to diagnose different disabilities and a process for requesting accommodations. For distance students, DSS can conduct many facets of the process by phone. To learn more about the process for establishing services through DSS, please contact the DSS office:

UAA Disability Support Services
3211 Providence Drive, Rasmuson Hall Room #112
Anchorage, AK 99508-4614
907-786-4530 (voice)
907-227-9609 (text only)
907-786-4531 (fax)

All students, including students with disabilities, are expected to perform all the essential functions of the program including meeting all program outcomes with reasonable accommodation. The School of Nursing will work with the student and DSS to provide reasonable and appropriate accommodations. It is important to note that the School of Nursing is not required to provide requested accommodations that would fundamentally alter the essential functions or technical standards of the program.