

Nursing Fundamentals Student Application

ABSS is pleased that you are applying to take Nursing Fundamentals. This course is designed to help you prepare to become a qualified healthcare professional.

Students accepted into this course must assume responsibility for appropriate behavior. As a requirement for this upper-level course, you will participate in experiences in a clinical healthcare setting. This is a serious responsibility because you will be in direct contact with patients and healthcare professionals.

The clinical experience associated with this training gives you 40+ hours of time that you will need in order to satisfy the clinical requirements of nurse aide. You will be expected to comply with all directions of your instructor, apply what you learn in your coursework, be respectful of patients and the healthcare professionals with whom you interact, and closely abide by the requirements stated in this application that you and your parent/guardian must sign. You will be required to comply with healthcare facilities' policies, procedures and regulations, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

If you are accepted into Nursing Fundamentals but do not abide by the requirements as stated in this application, the following will happen:

1. You will be removed from the clinical setting therefore not completing the required hours needed to take the state exam.

If you are not willing to accept the responsibilities that come with taking Nursing Fundamentals, and the consequences that result from not meeting those responsibilities, you need to meet with your School Counselor or Career Development Coordinator to discuss your course selection and career plan.

All students who apply to take Nursing Fundamentals will be evaluated using objective criteria that includes high school attendance, grades and discipline, as well as the results of a criminal record check (if applicable). Additionally, student's answers to application questions and teacher recommendations will be reviewed for evidence of the applicant's maturity, responsibility, initiative, integrity, good judgment, respect, service orientation, problem-solving skills, and self-discipline. All of these factors are critical to ensure that healthcare workers and patients in a clinical setting can depend on our students to act in a safe and professional manner.

If you have any questions or concerns about Nursing Fundamentals or the application process, please contact your previous Health Sciences teacher.

This application and related teacher recommendations are due back to your school counselor, CDC or health science teacher before _____,

Teacher Recommendations: As part of your application for admission into Nursing Fundamentals, you must obtain a recommendation from two of your high school teachers who are not Health Sciences teachers. One must be one of your former high school Science teachers. The second must be one of your core academic or Career Technical Education teachers from this or the previous school year. Neatly print your name on each of the two attached teacher recommendation forms and indicate the course for which you are requesting approval. Demonstrate professional behavior, courtesy, and appreciation and be sure to explain to your former teachers why you are interested in taking these courses when you request their recommendation.

Do not ask for the form back – the recommending teacher should give it to the person(s) indicated on the form. List below the names of the two high school teachers whom you will ask to complete these recommendation forms:

- (1) _____ (Science teacher)
(2) _____ (Core academic or CTE teacher from this year or last)

I understand that I will be required to do the following to participate in and maintain a Health Sciences clinical internship/mentorship:

- Maintain a passing average in the Nursing Fundamentals
- Provide my immunization record with this application.
- Ensure that I have the required vaccines for hepatitis B series (3 total), two MMR, and two varicella immunizations prior to the first day of class.
- A copy of the health care provider CPR card. This course is taught in Health Sciences II. Students missing all or part of this unit will be required to obtain certification on their own before beginning clinical. Students will not be allowed in the clinical setting without this certification.
- Maintain a clean criminal and school discipline record (Refer to rubric).
- Submit for criminal background check and/or drug test if required by clinical site(s).
- Behave in a professional manner up to the standards of the Health Sciences teacher and clinical sites at all times.
- Respect patient rights and confidentiality at all times.

Signature of Student Applicant _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Information

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To be completed by the applicant's parent/guardian. Please print.

By signing below, I grant permission for my son/daughter, _____, to participate in clinical located in area contracted nursing homes.

Additionally, I understand that my son/daughter and I will be required to do the following to be admitted into the course and allowed to participate in the required Health Sciences clinical internship/mentorship:

- Attend an orientation session for parents/guardians.
- Maintain a passing average in the Health Sciences course.

I also understand that if my son/daughter is accepted into one of the upper-level Health Sciences classes but does not abide by the requirements as stated in the application, the following will happen:

1. Your son/daughter will be removed from the clinical setting which will result in him/her not being able to take the nurse aide exam.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Parents/Guardian Name (print) _____

Health Sciences Application Rubric

Criteria	Description	Points Possible	Points Earned	Notes
Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student has a well-written essay; states a strong, clear interest in a career in healthcare 	6		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student has an adequately-written essay (occasional spelling/grammatical errors); expresses a strong, clear interest in pursuing a career in healthcare 	4		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student has a poorly-written essay (numerous spelling/grammatical errors); expresses a strong, clear interest in pursuing a career in healthcare 	2		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No essay submitted, or poorly-written with no real interest in pursuing a career in healthcare 	0		
Health Science Grades	Average of grades earned in Health Sciences I & II classes:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 	6		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B 	5		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C 	3		
GPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D 	0		
	GPA at time of application:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.5 or greater 	6		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.0- 4.4 	5		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.5-3.9 	4		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.0-3.4 	3		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.5-2.9 	2		
Attendance (See Note Below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Average of 1 absence per semester 	6		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Average of 2-3 absences per semester 	4		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Average of 4-5 absences per semester 	2		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater than 5 absences per year 	0		
Discipline	Unacceptable behavior in the academic school year prior to enrollment in upper-level Health Sciences course:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No discipline referrals 	6		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-2 discipline infractions resulting in ISS 	3		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 or more discipline infractions resulting in ISS or OSS 	0		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of criminal record (if applicable) 	Not Eligible		
Rec. Forms Completed by 2 Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 points – Highly recommended 	Up to 6 (max. of 3 each)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 points – Recommended 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 point – Recommended with reservations 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 points – Undecided/Not Recommended 			
TOTAL	Minimum of 24 points required for approval	36		

Excessive absences due to a chronic medical condition may be excluded from the total number of absences at the discretion of the Application Committee provided appropriate documentation is submitted by the student. If this exemption is requested the student must be cleared for participation in the clinical experience by a physician. Exam exemption absences will not be included in the total number of absences for this standard.

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Nursing Fundamentals Student Application Teacher Recommendation

Student Name: _____
Home School: _____

Recommending teacher: Thank you for taking the time to complete this recommendation form. Your recommendation and comments are valuable to the Health Sciences screening committee. The responses you provide will not be seen by the student and will be kept in strict confidence by the committee.

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On a scale of 1-5, with 1 being the weakest score and 5 the strongest, please rate this student on the following characteristics: (Circle one number per item)

	Weak		Average		Strong
• Responsible for homework, projects, and assignments	1	2	3	4	5
• Mature in comparison to his/her classmates & others his/her age	1	2	3	4	5
• Respectful of teachers & other classmates; has a positive attitude	1	2	3	4	5
• Able and willing to follow instructions	1	2	3	4	5
• On task a high percentage of class time	1	2	3	4	5
• Comes to class on time and is well-prepared	1	2	3	4	5
• Actively participates and contributes to class	1	2	3	4	5
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• Exhibits good problem-solving skills	1	2	3	4	5
• Honest, trustworthy	1	2	3	4	5
• Open to constructive criticism	1	2	3	4	5

Does this student have your recommendation for the Health Sciences program? (Check one.)

____ My highest recommendation

____ My recommendation

____ My recommendation with reservation (related comment should be written on the back of this form)

____ I am undecided

____ The applicant does not have my recommendation

Teacher Signature: _____ Date _____

Teacher Name (Print): _____ Subject Area(s): _____

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