

TECHNICAL OR NON-ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Admission criteria do not discriminate against persons with disabilities. Accepted applicants are expected to meet technical standards which are essential to function successfully as students and later as practitioners of dentistry. The technical standards include:

1. Sufficient facility with English (either as a primary or secondary language) to be able to speak, understand, read and write so as to:
 - a. retrieve information from texts and lectures.
 - b. communicate concepts on written exams and on patient charts.
 - c. elicit patient backgrounds, medical and dental histories.
 - d. describe patient changes in moods, activity and posture.
 - e. coordinate patient care with all members of the health care team involved in the treatment of a given patient.
2. Visual acuity sufficient to:
 - a. read charts, records, small print and handwritten notations.
 - b. distinguish colors intra and extra-orally.
 - c. recognize intra and extra-oral structures and their spatial and three dimensional relationships.
 - d. observe classroom, laboratory and clinical demonstrations in both the basic and dental sciences.
 - e. observe and appreciate non-verbal communications when performing dental operations or administering medications.
3. Sufficient physical ability and manual dexterity skills to perform:
 - a. oral exams and other diagnostic procedures.
 - b. radiographic procedures.
 - c. the manipulation of dental instruments in such procedures as the preparation of teeth to receive a dental restoration, the fabrication and placement of various dental restorative materials, the extraction of teeth, intra-oral soft tissue surgery, suturing of intra-oral wounds, the control of hemorrhage, etc.
 - d. basic life support emergency procedures and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

