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.

- 4. Sufficient physical ability to meet the time demands of clinical education and practice (28 hours per week during the third and fourth year of dental school).
- 5. Sufficient intellectual skills of reasoning, analysis, synthesis, measurement and calculation to determine the proper dental treatment to be given to a patient.
- 6. As defined in our infectious disease policies, the accepted applicant must not pose a direct threat to the health or safety of patients in performing any of the essential functions of clinical dental practice.

Further, any accepted applicant who believes that he/she will not be able to perform one or more of the essential functions should seek advising from the Chair of Admissions concerning the flexibility in the program requirement. Reasonable accommodation of a disability will be discussed and approached in a manner appropriate to the individuals needs. Any such accepted applicant is also encouraged to visit with his/her medical advisor regarding his/her ability to perform these essential functions with or without reasonable accommodation.

I have read and understand the above technical standards and I am confident of my ability to meet them

- with accommodations. (if checked, you will be referred to the Office of Disability Services for the interactive process of requesting accommodations).
- □ without accommodations. (a check here indicates you feel you can successfully complete the program here at Creighton University School of Dentistry without special accommodations)

Signature

Date

Print Name