

faculty to determine acceptability and placement in the program. Previously completed professional courses may be accepted or may need to be repeated at the discretion of the faculty. Students who fail more than one Polysomnography course (this may be two different courses or the same course twice) will be dismissed from the program and will not be re-accepted. Students who fail a clinical practicum must repeat both the clinical and courses covering that content.

4. Students are required to maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA in order to graduate from the program and Darton State College.

5. The Polysomnography Program reserves the right to discontinue, at any time, the enrollment of a Polysomnography student if, in the judgment, of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Polysomnography Faculty, the student does not appear to have the necessary qualifications for a career as a Polysomnographic Technologist. Refer to the program handbook for more information.

6. The student must abide by the policies and procedures of the Polysomnography Program as defined in the Program Handbook.

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8. The student must possess the essential physical and mental functional requirements for the profession in the categories of visual acuity, hearing, physical ability, speech and manual dexterity.

#### **Visual Acuity**

Accommodation: Corrective Lenses

a. Distinguish scalar markings on instruments calibrated in increments of 1mm.

b. Visually identify positions of analog controls and digital displays on medical equipment in low light conditions.

c. Identify correct placement of monitoring leads and correct setup of medical equipment.

d. Identify and distinguish visually between normal and abnormal waveforms used in patient monitoring.

#### **Hearing Acuity**

Accommodation: Auditory Aids

a. Indirect measurement of blood pressure with a stethoscope.

b. Ability to hear patients through auditory monitoring devices.

#### **Physical Ability**

Accommodation: Minimal impairment of extremities and lower back

a. Ability to use and move equipment including but not limited to the following: Flow meters, mechanical oxygen concentrators, large and small medical gas cylinders, PAP machines, computers and computer components.

b. Assist patients of limited mobility to and from bed and other areas, move patients to adjust monitoring devices, etc.

c. Provide CPR and other emergency life support assistance as needed in a safe and timely manner.

#### **Speech Ability**

Accommodation: None Known

a. To be able to interview patients and ask questions about the patient's condition, history, medications, current level of symptoms, and communicate via intercom during testing.

b. To communicate information verbally and nonverbally to others in an appropriate and timely fashion.