

SNM Mandatory Functional Requirements

The following **mandatory functional requirements** to be practised by all SNM students are related to the [National Competency Standards for the Registered Nurse](#):

1. *Reading, Writing and Numeracy*

Capacity to:

- comprehend patient charts and medication labels;
- accurately calculate medication dosages; and
- accurately record patient notes.

2. *Critical Thinking and Analysis*

Capacity to:

- critically self evaluate and reflect upon own practice, feelings and beliefs and the consequences of these for individuals and groups.

3. *Communication*

Capacity to:

- accept instruction and professional criticism;
- question instructions and decisions which are unclear; and
- resolve conflict and negotiate with staff and patients.

4. *Psychological*

Capacity to:

- interact with patients and others in a caring, respectful manner to provide emotional support and health education; and
- maintain self-control in professional situations.

5. *Physical*

Capacity to:

- use technical equipment, which includes having the dexterity to handle, maintain and program equipment;
- physically support clients, including wound management and administering CPR; and
- physically manage essential equipment and materials.