

General Student Information/Policies & Procedures

Current Address, Phone Number and E-Mail Address

Florida International University (FIU) and the College of Nursing and Health Sciences) require that students keep current addresses and telephone numbers on file. E-mail addresses are also valuable for communications. A current address and phone number allows College personnel to contact students for emergencies, class changes, awards, academic questions/information, etc. The College secretarial staff and the Office of the Registrar must be notified immediately of any change in address and/or phone number. The College and University must also be notified if a student changes his/her name.

Professional Conduct and Responsibilities

In addition to meeting the academic standards of the University and College, students enrolled in nursing courses must demonstrate professionalism in classroom. Professionalism is defined as behaviors and attitudes congruent with the Codes of Ethics of their professional organization, guidelines and standards of practice, the Florida Nurse Practice Act, and policies and expectations of the School and University.

Inherent within the concept of professionalism is the development of those behaviors by the student during the program that demonstrate increasing maturity, competence, integrity, regard for human dignity, respect for social justice, accountability, responsibility, and caring as they progress through the program. Students are expected to respect the rights of others regardless of their race, religion, nationality, sex, age, sexual orientation, physical condition or mental state. Professionalism includes, but is not limited to, satisfactory academic conduct and performance.

Administrators and faculty of the College of Nursing reserve the right to interpret, maintain, and enforce the standards of professional conduct and performance for nursing. Administrators and faculty also reserve the right to recommend dismissal of any student who has violated the standards of professional conduct or demonstrates a lack of professional development.

Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities must register with the Disability Services for Students prior to the beginning of the semester. At the beginning of the course, the student must inform the faculty member concerning his/her disability. Personnel in the Office of Disability Services for Students will provide a written statement regarding any necessary accommodations. Current documentation of disability is required to receive services. Call 305-919-5309 (BBC) or 305-348-3532 (UPC) or 954-948-6793; TTY/TDD 348-3852 for further information.

General Expenses

Some doctoral students will collect data at clinical sites. If so, most institutions require that the student must have current CPR certification, health screenings (including immunizations) and health insurance. These requirements protect students, staff, and patients. Students are responsible for providing a copy of their current CPR, health screenings, and health insurance to the Director of the PhD Program.

Background Checks

Students who collect data onsite at clinical facilities are required to submit information and fingerprints for background screening. As specific requirements may differ from institution to institution, it is the student's responsibility to obtain and adhere to each institution's requirements. Students with an arrest history must disclose such history to the Dean of the CNHS. Students must disclose arrests made before and after admission to the CNHS. Failure to disclose can result in removal of the student from the clinical facility.

Financial Aid

Financial assistance is available to graduate students through fellowships, assistantships, scholarships, and loans. For general and current information on financial assistance, students should first access the ***FIU Financial Aid*** web site. For information on financial assistance specific to graduate students see: ***FIU Graduate Student Financial Aid***. For nursing scholarships, click on ***CNHS Nursing Scholarships*** on the menu.