SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS, EQUIPMENT AND EXPENSES INCURRED BY NURSING STUDENTS UPON ENROLLMENT IN THE NURSING PROGRAM

This information is intended to assist those who are planning enrollment in the registered nursing program in preparing for educational expenses. In addition to enrollment fees payable at registration, the nursing student incurs additional expenses necessary for attendance and satisfactory completion of the program. Advance planning can help prevent financial hardship upon acceptance into the program. It is the goal of the nursing department to require only those purchases that are essential to success in the program in order to minimize student expense, yet these costs do exceed those typically encountered in general education. The nursing students should anticipate an expenditure of approximately $3,000.00 over the two years of enrollment in nursing program courses.

For each nursing course the student is required to purchase assigned textbooks, modules, scantron forms, notebook, paper and other writing supplies. Nursing textbooks are expensive in comparison to other non-technical books because they are frequently revised, contain tables, graphs, diagrams and photographs. Nursing texts are a major expense for students and a majority of the texts used for the program courses must be purchased at the beginning of the first semester of enrollment. Textbooks for specialty areas may be purchased at the beginning of those courses. In addition, supplemental texts may be recommended to assist the student in meeting learning objectives.

Clinical practice is at sites throughout Orange and Los Angeles counties. Clinical rotations may be scheduled for both day and evening shifts in order to provide the best learning opportunities. The student will need reliable personal transportation in order to travel to assigned hospitals at least two days a week in each nursing course.

The nature of the learning experiences in the registered nursing program requires that students engage in direct patient care in assigned clinical facilities. All enrolled students are required to meet the same health and safety standards required of nurses in the contracted clinical facilities. For this reason each student enrolled in the nursing program must complete the following requirements at his/her own expense prior to the first day of attendance:

1. Physical examination with health clearance indicating good physical and mental health status with no limitations to providing direct patient care.
2. Proof of current immunizations.
3. Testing for communicable diseases including, but not limited to, the following:
   - Tuberculosis, rubella, rubeola, varicella, hepatitis.
4. Malpractice insurance
5. Current CPR certification at the Professional Health Provider level.

In addition, the student will need to purchase required uniforms, name badge, stethoscope, protective goggles and other equipment required for clinical practice.

The general information provided here is designed to assist you in planning for your expenses when enrolled in the nursing program. Information regarding the specific requirements in place at the time of initial enrollment into nursing clinical courses is provided at the mandatory orientation meeting scheduled for applicants selected each semester.