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1. All courses must be completed before the annual graduation date. Transfer credit for college courses will only be accepted until December prior to the student's scheduled graduation date.
2. Candidates for graduation must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.00, earned a grade of C in all nursing courses, exhibit ethical conduct and be in compliance with all school regulations.
3. All students are required to attend the Live ATI three-day NCLEX Review as a requirement for graduation.
4. Before the diplomas are granted, all financial obligations must be met or satisfactory arrangements made.
5. Students who have borrowed money from any of the student loan programs administered by the school of nursing must schedule an exit interview with the Loan Officer and make arrangements for repayment.
6. Students are required to participate in professional photographs (scheduled by the school) for the attainment of two head-shots maintained in the graduate file at the school.
7. In preparation for senior photos and the graduation ceremony, students will be required to purchase a white uniform consisting of a scrub top and pants. Uniforms must be ordered through the school of nursing registrar/bursar.
8. Licensure Applications must be completed at least six weeks before the graduation date, including:
 - a. Completion of Ohio Board of Nursing Application for Licensure
 - b. Completion of the NCLEX Registration Form
 - c. Fees for the testing service and Ohio Board of Nursing.
9. Students are required to submit to a state and federal criminal background check to be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN licensure examination.
10. The date on the diploma will be the actual date of the annual graduation exercises.
11. School pins will be presented on graduation day.
12. Revision of any Graduation Policy that impacts student completion of the program will take effect when a new class starts the nursing program.

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13. Waiver of any of the above requirements must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the faculty members present and voting at a regularly scheduled faculty meeting.
14. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, ethnicity, gender/transgender status, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, national origin, marital status, disability, pregnancy, parental status, military and/or veteran status, genetic information or other characteristics protected by the law.
15. All students who successfully complete the nursing program and graduate must pass the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) before they can practice as a registered nurse in the United States of America.