

Program/Clinical Eligibility Requirements

Clinical requirements must be met prior to program start unless otherwise directed. Accepted nursing candidates who fail to comply with these requirements may be dismissed. Students are responsible for all fees and screening costs.

- **Background studies:** Information for completing background studies will be provided after admission. Clear background studies must be on file **prior to program start**. Any student who is not cleared to provide direct patient care will not be permitted to participate in clinical experiences, thereby rendering the individual ineligible to progress in the nursing program and qualify for a degree in nursing.
- **Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR Certification:**
 - **American Heart Association (AHA) BLS Provider certification or**
 - **American Red Cross (ARC) BLS for Healthcare Providers certification**
 - Certification must be maintained throughout program progression
- **Drug Screening:** Increasing trend in clinical contractual agreements. Prospective students should expect the likelihood that it will be required. *If a clinical site's contract stipulates drug screening*, students attending clinicals at that facility will be required to undergo a multi-panel drug screen according to the site's requirements.
 - **NOTE: Do not complete drug screening until/unless instructed.**
- **Immunization Requirements:** Upon receiving a candidate's RSVP accepting a seat in the program, the Nursing department will email instructions and detailed information regarding requirements and submission of documentation. ***Do not send immunization information to the Nursing department.***

Immunization Requirement Details:

All documentation of immunizations, TB screening, and other eligibility requirements (BLS/CPR certification & background checks) is to be submitted to the department's secure tracking system (COMPLIO) according to instructions provided when students accept their seat in the program.

- **MMR** (measles, mumps, rubella) – TWO vaccinations or antibody blood testing verifying immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella – *all three components must be tested and indicate immunity*
- **Varicella** (chicken pox) – TWO vaccinations or antibody blood testing verifying immunity to varicella (history of chicken pox *is not* accepted as verification of immunity)
- **Tdap** (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) – must have documentation of one adult Tdap booster within the last 10 years
 - **Tdap** vaccine IS NOT THE SAME as other vaccines containing some, or even all, the vaccine components (DTap, TD, or DT are not accepted)
- **Hepatitis B** – series of three vaccinations, or antibody blood testing verifying immunity, or signed declination waiver
- **Influenza** – vaccination is required each fall for students participating in clinicals during flu season (mid-fall through spring semester). *Flu season timeline and severity can vary. New vaccine is available each fall according to strains most likely to be active.*
 - Exemptions for medical or religious reasons ***only*** (clinical policy for wearing of mask applies during flu season). *As with vaccination, exemption documentation is required annually.*
 - Medical contraindication must be verified and documented by your healthcare provider

- If religious exemption applies, complete and sign NTC form available on COMPLIO secure tracking system
- Clinical site policy regarding wearing of mask while providing cares will apply

TB (tuberculosis) Screening:

- Initial ***TWO-STEP*** Mantoux* skin testing or Quantiferon TB blood testing* **within the last 6 months**
 - Two-step Mantoux screening consists of TWO completed skin tests, administered and results evaluated, 7 to 28 days apart. Instructions will be provided by Nursing Department.
 - **Annually thereafter**, single Mantoux skin test or Quantiferon TB blood testing
 - *If Mantoux or Quantiferon test shows *positive* results, or if you have a history of positive reaction to TB skin or blood test, a clear chest x-ray and physician's follow-up assessment/clearance will be required to verify there are no signs of active disease
 - **Annually thereafter**, physician's follow-up assessment and letter of clearance will be required. Documentation must verify no signs/symptoms of active tuberculosis. Subsequent x-rays will not be required by the Nursing program; however, please follow the recommendations of your healthcare provider.