

Health

1. The student who is enrolled in the nursing major must be in good physical and mental health. In the presence of evidence to the contrary, the individual faculty reserves the right to ask the student to seek professional assistance, to withdraw from the program, or to take a leave of absence from the nursing curriculum. If issues cannot be resolved at this level, the Admission and Progression Committee or School of Nursing Chair may be consulted for definitive action. Please also note policies A. Affirmative Action, B. Nondiscrimination, and C. Access for Individuals with Disabilities.
2. The School of Nursing follows the University policy relating to alcohol and drugs as noted in "The Basic Stuff Student Handbook". Students must adhere to the policies of each agency in which they have clinical experiences.
3. Prior to beginning the first clinical experience at sophomore year, all nursing students are to complete/update a medical history form and have a physical examination, utilizing the School of Nursing physical examination form. See Appendix B. Evidence of current immunizations and Mantoux tests as listed on the physical examination form is required. Students are required to provide evidence of current rubella, rubeola, and varicella immunity. Students will not be allowed into the clinical agency until current information on immunizations is provided. Missing more than one clinical day may result in failing the course.
4. The completed physical examination form is to be submitted to CertifiedBackground.com before the first day of clinical experience. Health requirements may be secured through the University Health Service by appointment or, if the student wishes to pay the fee, from a private physician. Responsibility for securing and paying for these immunizations, tests, and examination rests with the student.
5. Prior to beginning experience in all clinical settings, the student must submit evidence of a negative Mantoux every 6 months; if mantoux is not negative, follow-up with appropriate health care provider is required. Students must provide a copy of the Mantoux results and any follow up testing needed. Tine tests are not acceptable. This information is to be submitted to CertifiedBackground.com. Students will not be allowed into the clinical agency until current information on immunizations is provided. Missing more than one clinical day may result in failing the course.
6. Hepatitis B is a blood-borne disease with serious implications for health care workers. In light of this information the School of Nursing strongly encourages nursing students to complete the series of HBV immunizations before clinical experiences are begun. This is voluntary. As health regulations change this may become mandatory. Please complete the "Hepatitis B Vaccine Completion" form in Appendix C. If students decline, they are requested to sign the "Hepatitis B Vaccine Declination" form in Appendix C. In either case the form must be submitted to CertifiedBackground.com. Students will be expected to comply with the requirements of each agency in which they have clinical experiences. Students will not be allowed into the clinical agency until current information on immunizations is provided. Missing more than one clinical day may result in failing the course.
7. Item #'s 1, 2, and 3 under the section on **Clinical Experiences** must also be met before students will be allowed into the clinical agency. Failure to provide written evidence of met health requirements will result in dismissal from the clinical. Missing more than one clinical day may result in failing the course.
8. See Item # 5 under **Clinical Experiences** regarding the procedure to obtain information needed from students before being allowed into clinical agencies.

9. University Health Service provides a limited amount of health care for all university students. Hospitalization and medical care is the student's financial responsibility. Students are financially responsible for expenses associated with injuries or accidents incurred in the lab or a clinical setting. See University Undergraduate Bulletin and the University Student Handbook, "The Basic Stuff" for further health care information.
10. Students with a communicable disease may not be in clinical. The instructor may require written verification from the health care provider for clearance to return to clinical.