

Mercer County Community College
Division of Health Professions
Nursing Program

Initial Medical Clearance

All nursing students are required to complete a medical clearance process prior to starting their clinical education. RWJ/Barnabas Occupational Health in Hamilton can provide complete medical clearance services for MCCC students. Payment is accepted via cash, credit or check. Health insurance is not accepted. Upon completion of the medical screening process, RWJ/Barnabas Occupational Health will provide each student with a clearance letter.

Nursing students are required to complete:

1. Physical exam
2. Documentation of tuberculin testing via QuantiFERON-TB® or PPD skin testing. Students who test positive via QuantiFERON-TB® may be required to obtain additional testing, such as a chest x-ray at additional cost.
3. Blood titers demonstrating immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, Mumps, Varicella, and Hepatitis B. Students with negative or equivocal results may be required to obtain additional vaccinations at additional cost.
4. Urine dip for blood, protein, specific gravity, and glucose.
5. 10 panel urine drug screen (not required by all programs).
6. Provide proof of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis immunization within last ten years.

Influenza Vaccination

All students are required to be vaccinated against the influenza virus in the fall of each year. Vaccinations must be received between October 1 and October 31st for maximum effect during the influenza peak season. Vaccination received earlier than October 1st will not be accepted.

Annual Medical Clearance

In addition to annual influenza vaccination, students must repeat the following medical clearance items annually:

1. 10 panel urine drug screen (not required by all programs)..
2. Documentation of tuberculin testing via QuantiFERON-TB®.

Review of Records

If a student has medical clearance from a source other than RWJ/Barnabas Occupational Health, the student may bring his or her records to RWJ/Barnabas Occupational Health in Hamilton for review. After review of the medical records, RWJ/Barnabas Occupational Health will provide each student with a clearance letter if appropriate. A fee for record review will apply.

RWJ/Barnabas Occupational Health Hamilton

Located at 2 Hamilton Health Place, on the campus of RWJ/Barnabas Hamilton. Call 609-631-6830 to make an appointment. Usual hours of operations are Monday- Friday, 8am-5pm.