

*Mercer County Community College*  
*Division of Math, Science and Health Professions*  
*Nursing Education*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OTHER REQUIREMENTS IN NURSING

1. *All students are required to purchase student liability insurance.*

You may purchase this insurance on-line at [www.nso.com](http://www.nso.com).

Students must purchase the policy for coverage as a **Registered Nursing Student**. A copy of your certificate of insurance must be submitted to the Nursing Education by the date indicated in your acceptance letter. This will need to be submitted as part of your completed Admission Health Packet. The insurance must be renewed annually and a copy of the new certificate of insurance submitted.

It is not required that students purchase their insurance from NSO. You may find a comparable company from which to purchase the insurance from, as long as it has the appropriate coverage for a Registered Nurse Student. If there are any questions if the coverage is appropriate, please contact the Nursing Education office at (609) 570-3391.

2. *All students are required to complete a criminal background check.*

The Joint Commission (TJC), which accredits healthcare facilities across the country, enforced background screening in September 2004 and has set requirements mandating that students in a healthcare field must now complete the same background check as hospital employees.

A criminal background investigation must be completed prior to you starting your clinical experience at Mercer County Community College. Students are responsible for the payment of their background investigation, and American Databank must conduct the investigation.

To initiate your background clearance, go to the website [www.mercercollegecx.com](http://www.mercercollegecx.com) and follow the step by step process. The profile information you input will be sent directly to the school upon completion.

The following search is required for students attending facilities for clinical through Mercer County Community College:

Criminal History Record Search (7 years)  
Maiden/Alias Names

3. ***All students are required to be CPR certified as a Professional Rescuer or Health Care Provider.***

This will need to be renewed every 2 years. A copy of your CPR card must be submitted as proof of current certification.