

*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 by the date indicated in your acceptance letter. 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 upon admission and updated annually. Background checks will be completed through American Databank.

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 (front and back) of your CPR card must be submitted as proof of current certification.

4. ***All students are required to submit proof of current health insurance.***

This will be done upon admission and updated annually. A copy (front and back) of your current health insurance card must be submitted as proof of coverage.