

Mercer County Community College
Division of Health Professions
Nursing Program

Required Student Documents

Purpose: To ensure all students are able to meet the clinical facilities contractual requirements of the nursing program.

Procedure:

1. Upon acceptance to the nursing program, students will be provided with information regarding required student documents. Students are required to submit all required documents in the timeframe and manner proscribed by the nursing program. Any student who is not compliant with the policy will be unable to begin any scheduled nursing classes for the semester and will be required to follow the Reinstatement to a Nursing Course policy in order to return to the program.
2. All nursing students are required to complete an initial medical clearance process. This must include:
 - a. Physical exam
 - b. Documentation of tuberculin testing via QuantiFERON-TB® or PPD skin testing. Students who test positive may be required to obtain additional testing, such as a chest x-ray at additional cost.
 - c. 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.
 - d. Urine dip for blood, protein, specific gravity, and glucose.
 - e. 10 panel urine drug screen.
 - f. Provide proof of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis immunization within last ten years.
3. 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.
4. All students are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 with a U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved COVID-19 vaccine. This includes a complete initial series and a booster vaccine. Students may not begin their clinical rotations until two weeks after completion of the initial series of vaccination.
5. Any student with a positive urine drug screen may jeopardize their placement in the nursing program. Students who test positive for any controlled substances, due to prescribed medication must submit documentation from the prescribing health care provider including medication, dosage and frequency. Any student with a positive urine drug screen that cannot provide documentation of prescribed medication from a health care provider will not be permitted to continue in the nursing program.
6. After hospitalization, surgery or childbirth, students must submit medical clearance to the nursing program office. If nursing program faculty or staff have concerns about a student's ability to safely participate in clinical activities, a student may be requested to obtain additional medical clearance. This medical clearance must state the students may return to nursing program activities **without restriction**.

7. All students are required to carry personal health insurance and provide proof annually.
8. All students are required to purchase individual liability coverage for the registered nursing student and submit proof of coverage. Coverage is purchased on an annual basis and must remain current throughout the academic year. Coverage must be renewed each year. Students must have the following *minimum* coverage \$1,000,000 each claim and \$3,000,000 aggregate
9. All students are required to submit proof of training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) from the American Heart Association. The CPR training must be geared towards the healthcare professional and include use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). The CPR certification must remain current throughout the duration of the semester.
10. Students are required to complete a criminal background check upon acceptance to the program and annually. The background check must be completed through the designated nursing program provider. The background check includes a sex offender registry. Students with criminal convictions within the past seven years will not be permitted to continue in the nursing education program.
11. Students must repeat the following medical clearance items annually: 10 panel urine drug screen and tuberculosis testing.
12. Additional medical clearance requirements may be added at the recommendation of the health department or clinical agencies.

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