Important Information

As part of the nursing program, students will be attending clinical at our affiliated health care agencies. Students attend clinical for the first time in their sophomore year. In order for students to attend clinical they must be compliant with their Student Practice Requirements as outlined in the Compliance Chart and Policy accompanying this packet. Health care agency placement agreements and patient safety needs require strict compliance with health screening, background checks, sexual misconduct prevention training and drug testing requirements.

The process of becoming compliant can take some time and we are providing you with this information early so you have adequate time to complete your clinical requirements.

Please note the due date for completion of your clinical requirements is: July 15, 2021 prior to the start of your sophomore year.

The annual deadline to complete your physical and PPD/TB screening is yearly on July 15th.

*It is recommended during your freshman year to push your physical date back to the spring, so you are in line with the July 15th compliance deadline for your sophomore year. This will ensure that you will be compliant throughout your clinical experience. If you are scheduled to have your physical this fall or winter, we suggest that you push your physical back to end of May, June or early July.

When you make your doctor’s appointment please make sure you have a PPD/TB screening and a blood test to confirm your immunity to Hepatitis B.

Health Accounts

The DHCON uses Precheck/Sentry MD to store and maintain your health information, and to perform background checks and drug screening (Health Account). Information for opening and completing your Precheck/Sentry MD account is included in this packet. Please note that the DHCON will not accept copies of medical information. Students are responsible for submitting documentation directly to their Health Account.

Clinical placement will provide announcements with instructions to students throughout the academic year regarding compliance requirements and deadlines.

Frequently Asked Questions

When is a good time to open my Health Account?

It is recommended to open your Health Account in spring semester of your freshman year to meet your July 15th deadline for your health requirements. Clinical Placement will provide announcements regarding clinical requirements.
**When am I required to have a flu vaccine?**
Starting sophomore year, Flu vaccines are due October 15th for the current flu season. The new vaccine comes out the end of August beginning of September. Freshman are not required; however, they are strongly recommended.

**Do I need a MRSA swab?**
You only need it if you are going to Ireland.

**When am I required to have CPR?**
Only juniors and seniors are required to have CPR. Sophomore students studying abroad for the semester in Ireland are also required prior to the semester.

**Do I need to complete my background check?**
Background checks are not required for freshman.

**What if I am not immune to Hepatitis B?**
The first thing to do is to start the repeat series of the Hep B vaccine. Once the series has been completed you will need to have another blood test to confirm immunity.

**What if I am not immune after the Repeat series?**
You are a non-responder and need to provide a note from your healthcare provider to that effect.