

Clinical Requirements

Traditional B.S.N. and Accelerated B.S.N.

Enrollment for upper division nursing course work requires participation in the registration process through Rockhurst University.

Research College of Nursing has partnered with Certified Background and all students will initiate an account through Certified Background to manage the students' documentation of clinical requirements. The following are clinical requirements that are in compliance with expectations of clinical agencies. Failure to meet these requirements will result in suspension from classroom, clinical and lab sessions or may result in course failure which could result in dismissal from the program.

1. Tuberculin Testing
 - a. Upon admission, students must present documentation of one of the following to assess for TB exposure:
 1. TB screen that is less than 12 months old. If most current TB screen is over 12 months old, one new TB screen is required. If TB screen has never been completed, a 2-step TB screen must be completed.
 2. TB titer less than 12 months old (Interferon-Gamma Release Assays [IGRAs], i.e. QuantiFERON Gold or T Spot blood tests for TB infection). If most current titer is over 12 months old, complete an updated titer.
 3. If result of TB screen is positive, contact Office of Academic Programs for more information.
 - b. Throughout the program, TB screen tests are completed annually and must be current (less than one year) for the entire academic year. Documentation must include the type, date, and results of the screening.
2. Rubella, Rubeola (Measles), and Mumps. Evidence of two MMR vaccinations at least 28 days apart or serological proof of immunity confirmed by positive IGG titers specific to each of these: rubella, rubeola and mumps.
3. Varicella (Chickenpox). Evidence of two varivax vaccination (chicken pox vaccine) at least 28 days apart or serological proof of immunity confirmed by a positive varicella IGG titer.
4. Hepatitis B immunization. Evidence of three immunizations with a post series positive hepatitis B surface antibody titer. This requirement can be waived but a signed waiver declining the immunizations and/or titer is required to be kept on file.
5. Tetanus-Diphtheria-Acellular Pertussis. Evidence of one TDaP (adult formulation – Adacel or Boostrix) after the initial series of immunizations.
6. Influenza. Proof of vaccination during the flu season, according to the current CDC guidelines and pending availability. If a student opts for the declination process, an appropriate accommodation form must be completed and a mask must be worn at all times in the clinical setting.

7. **Proof of Health Insurance.** Contracts with clinical agencies require that all students provide evidence of health insurance coverage or a waiver. Traditional B.S.N. students are required to enroll in the Rockhurst University health plan or provide evidence of an appropriate hard waiver indicating insurance coverage through their parents. Insurance for Accelerated B.S.N. students is optional; however students may enroll in a health insurance plan through Rockhurst. Accelerated students who do not choose to carry health insurance must sign a waiver indicating that they assume responsibility for all costs of medical treatment due to illness or injury. All students must be aware that if illness or injury occurs during a clinical or classroom experience, they may be required to seek appropriate medical care at a health care facility and assume the cost of any required testing or treatment. Documentation of health insurance or waiver must be provided annually.
8. **American Heart Association (AHA) for Healthcare Providers BLS certification.** Students must maintain current Healthcare Provider (AHA Standards with a two-year expiration date) certification throughout their clinical courses. The course for Healthcare Providers includes CPR skills for helping victims of all ages (including doing ventilation with a barrier device, a bag-mask device, and oxygen); use of automated external defibrillator (AED); and relief of foreign body airway obstruction (FBAO).
 - a. The AHA Healthcare Provider BLS course **MUST** include CPR for infants, children and adults (one and two person) and evidence of satisfactory performance in both cognitive knowledge (written test) and skills (hands-on skills check-off).
 - b. AHA Healthcare Provider BLS certification/recertification should be completed at a time when it will be valid for an entire academic year.
9. **Color Blindness.** An assessment for color blindness is administered by the nursing program.
10. The follow items must be completed annually (every August) through Blackboard under the NU OSHA link.
 - a. Clinical Orientation Competency Exam with score 90% or better. Students must print exam results and upload to Certified Background.
 - b. Confidentiality Statement. Students must print Confidentiality Statement, and sign and upload it to Certified Background.
 - c. HIPAA Competency Exam with score of 90% or better. Students must print exam results and upload to Certified Background. Additional HIPAA testing may be required by specific clinical agencies.
 - d. HIPAA Certificate of Completion. Students must print Certificate of Completion, and sign and upload to Certified Background.
 - e. Substance Abuse Quiz with score of 90% or better. Students must print exam results and upload to Certified Background.
 - f. Exhibit A, B, and C. Exhibit A and B forms are signed with the name of the facility left blank; Exhibit C form requires completion of student information. Students must bring the forms to their orientation or registration. The Office of Academic

Programs will upload these forms to Certified Background after signatures have been obtained.

11. Criminal Background Check. Students must have a criminal background check completed by Certified Background prior to enrollment in nursing clinical courses. A single negative check does not preclude the requirement of additional checks at a future time. Students should be aware that any affirmative results from a criminal background check may result in an inability to participate in required clinical activities and therefore may result in the student's inability to complete degree requirements. In the event that a student's criminal background check is reported "affirmatively" the student will have the opportunity to request an additional criminal background check. The rationale and policy related to repetition of criminal background checks is found in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act.
12. Missouri Family Care Safety Registry. Students must register for this state required safety registry.
13. Drug Testing. Students must complete a drug testing through Certified Background. Previous drug testing done through a physician's office or an employer is not accepted.
14. Absence of any infectious disease. A student with an infectious disease shall promptly disclose this information to the appropriate faculty member so that a determination can be made concerning whether the student's condition poses a direct threat of harm to the student's own health or safety, or to the health or safety of others. This determination will be made in consultation with appropriate medical personnel as needed.
15. Meningococcal vaccination. *See below with housing statement.*

If for some reason a student cannot be immunized or otherwise satisfactorily meet the requirements above, the Dean of Nursing will consider appropriate options on a case by case basis.

Students living on the Rockhurst Campus

Rockhurst University requires all incoming freshmen living on campus to comply with the meningococcal vaccination requirement either by providing documentation of vaccination OR by completing a waiver.

Students Living on the Research Campus

Students living in the Research Townhouse Village must also comply with the meningococcal vaccination requirement or complete a waiver.