

UD School of Nursing classes of 2022 and 2023  
Mandatory Requirements for Practicum Experiences

Due to practicum agency requirements, all Freshman nursing students are required to have completed the following practicum requirements **prior** to the fall semester of sophomore year (Items 1 – 9). **The Compliance Tracker** must be ordered and all completed by the announced date to assure records are updated timely for the Fall semester of sophomore year (with the exception of the flu). All students will also complete a **10-panel urine drug screening**.

1. **Initial TB testing**: negative results of a 2-step PPD test or results of TB blood testing. First TST administered (Step 1) with results read 48-72 hours after placement. Second TST administered 721 days after first step test result read (Step 2) with results then read 48-72 hours after administration. Regular TB/PPD required annually (every 12 months) thereafter.
2. **CPR Documentation (copy of card or certificate) of an active Health Care Provider BLS (Basic Life Support) (American Heart Association) certification (see additional sheet)**
3. A series of **3 Hepatitis B Vaccines**. Students who choose not to receive the Hepatitis B vaccine series must sign a waiver before they will be permitted to participate in Practicum experiences.
4. Documentation of proof of immunity to **Measles, Mumps and Rubella** – dates of two MMR vaccines.
5. Documentation of **Chickenpox immunity** -dates of two (**varicella**) vaccines.
6. Documentation of a recent **tetanus** booster with in the past 10 years.
7. Documentation of receiving a **pertussis** vaccine – this can be included with the tetanus booster, Tdap.
8. **Online trainings** as instructed; 1) General Safety Right to Know, 2) Bloodborne Pathogen, and 3) HIPAA
9. **10-panel urine drug screening** is required to be completed once during the Nursing program.
10. Documentation of a **seasonal flu vaccine** (fall of every year).
11. **State of Delaware criminal clearances** will be completed in the fall of sophomore year as required for the Family Health & Wellness Practicum
12. **Criminal background check** is required to be completed during the Spring of sophomore year

**Students who are not in compliance with the above practicum requirements will not be able to participate in Simulation Lab activities or Practicum courses.**

Students can download a copy of your student health records for Hepatitis, Varicella, MMR's, and Tetanus/Pertussis via instructions found under Related Resources in Castle Branch in Castle Branch on the SON Clinical Coordination Intranet site, <https://sites.udel.edu/nursing/clinical-coordination/>

Students will be notified by e-mail from the School of Nursing and by an announcement in your class of the time frame that they will be expected to complete their drug screening. The e-mail will have the instructions needed to order the drug screening. **Students will need to complete the drug screening within 2 weeks from the notification/announcement of the time frame.**

The instructions to order the State of Delaware background checks will be communicated to students in the fall semester of sophomore year. These criminal clearances are needed for the State of Delaware BCC system to prepare for the NURS247 Family Health and Wellness Practicum course.

Spring of sophomore year, students will complete the School of Nursing Castle Branch Criminal Background Check as needed for their junior/senior hospital and community practicum courses.

At times, a county may require a state background check instead of a county check. If this occurs, there will be an upcharge associated with this background check.

**Students are expected to purchase the needed local criminal background check and drug screening during the announced time frame.**

**Any criminal activity discovered on a criminal background check or any positive drug screening will be reported to the University of Delaware Office of Student Conduct.**

Please see the attached updated School of Nursing POLICY ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND DRUG SCREENING

School of Nursing Actions:

1. Students that do not complete their local criminal background check and drug screening in the announced time frame will be considered noncompliant with the School of Nursing clinical requirements. The missed drug screening will be considered positive (+).
2. Students that do not complete their local criminal background check and drug screening requirements in the second time period will be considered to have refused to complete the local criminal background check and drug screening and per the School of Nursing policy – this will result in dismissal from the nursing major.

**The anticipated cost for the compliance tracker is \$27.50.**

**The anticipated cost for the drug screening is \$27.00. The**

**anticipated cost for HIPAA is \$17.50**

**The anticipated cost of State of Delaware BCC system criminal clearances \$69.00**

**The anticipated cost of the criminal background check \$29.45**

**While completing the criminal background check, it is possible that an upcharge is necessary depending on certain counties you have resided or have worked in, and additional upcharge of approximately \$115.00.**

**Failure to purchase the local criminal background check and drug screening during the announced time frame will be considered failure to submit the requirement and the above actions (1-2) will be taken.**

**Students may face additional charges based on future practicum site requirements.**