

University of Connecticut  
School of Nursing

**Clinical Practicum and Residency Courses Policy for Graduate Students**

1. Prior to the initial clinical or practicum experience all graduate nursing students must have the following health documentation on file in HuskyCT (by November 1 for Spring clinical, by April 1 for Summer clinical, by July 1 for Fall clinical):
  - A. History and Physical performed by a licensed health care provider within prior year.
  - B. Immunization Record including documentation of all initial vaccine series as well as the following:
    - i. Tetanus immunization within the past ten years and documentation of TDap once after the age of 10 yrs
    - ii. One poliomyelitis booster following initial immunization
  - C. Tuberculosis – evidence of a two-step non-reactive PPD/TST or a negative blood assay for M. tuberculosis (BAMT) **within the past 12 months**. If student has had a positive PPD/TST or BAMT test in the past, the student must be free of symptoms and have a negative chest Xray (must be repeated every 5 years or as dictated by agency policy).
  - D. Titers – serum titers for Mumps, Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella – evidence of the disease or prior vaccination is NOT sufficient documentation. If the mumps, rubella, rubeola, or varicella titers are not positive showing immunity, students are required to be revaccinated with a follow-up titer showing immunity
  - E. Hepatitis B vaccination – students are advised to obtain vaccination for Hepatitis B. Students who receive the Hepatitis B immunization series within 2 years of beginning clinical are required to have the titer showing immunity. Students who choose to decline hepatitis B vaccination are required to sign a declination form.
  - F. Influenza – annual seasonal influenza vaccine is required by October 30
  - G. Drug Screening – negative 10-panel urine drug screen test
  - H. Color vision deficiency screening
  - I. Medical Release Waiver
2. Prior to the initial clinical or practicum experience all graduate nursing students must have the following training, certification, and license documentation (expiration date after the clinical or residency experience is concluded) on file in HuskyCT:
  - A. Criminal Background Check
  - B. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) Act Training
  - C. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Training for bloodborne and airborne pathogens
  - D. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for Healthcare Providers – includes infant, child, adult, and two-person CPR for MS, BS-DNP, and post-master's DNP

- students EXCEPT Neonatal graduate students will have current Neonatal Resuscitation Program certification (NRP).
- E. Current RN license in state of residence if distance learning student or in Connecticut for practicum/residency experience in CT.
  - F. Current Advanced RN Practice (APRN) License – for post-MS DNP students who are APRNs in state of residence if distance learning student or in Connecticut for practicum/residency experience in CT
3. Prior to each subsequent clinical or practicum experience all graduate nursing students must have the following health, training, certification, and license documentation on file in HuskyCT:
- A. History and Physical Examination by a Licensed Healthcare Provider within 1 year.
  - B. Tuberculosis – updated PPD/TST
  - C. Updated History and Physical examination if there has been a significant change in the student’s health status.
  - D. HIPAA Certificate
  - E. OSHA Training for bloodborne and airborne pathogens
  - F. CPR Certification
4. All other contractually-determined agency specific requirements must be met. Lack of immunization or immunity for any of the above health requirements may limit clinical/residency placements as determined by agency policy and/or contract.
5. Proof of comprehensive health insurance.
6. All students in active clinical practicums or residency experiences are covered by the University group policy for Malpractice Liability Insurance. Students will be charged for this policy on their university fee bill each year that they are involved in a clinical practicum or residency experience.
7. Students who do not provide written documentation as noted above will not be allowed to being clinical practicum or residency experiences.
8. Removal from a clinical or residency agency is grounds for failure in the course.
9. The School of Nursing Faculty reserve the right to make final decisions regarding clinical and residency assignments and to modify assignments to facilitate a student’s completion of course objectives.
10. The School of Nursing Faculty reserve the right to recommend a student’s withdrawal from the program for reasons of health.

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