



## Clinical Practicum and Residency Courses Policy for Graduate Students

### REASON FOR POLICY

<b>Title</b>	Clinical Practicum and Residency Courses Policy for Graduate Students 1.03
<b>Policy Owner</b>	Full Faculty
<b>Applies to</b>	Graduate Students
<b>Campus Applicability</b>	All campuses
<b>Effective Date</b>	5/23/19
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Students must meet the compliance elements identified by the UConn Office of Clinical Placements & Compliance which reflect the requirements of the agency/agencies where a student will fulfill the clinical requirements of their course work.

### APPLIES TO

All graduate students completing any type of clinical practicum or residency as part of their program of study.

### POLICY STATEMENT

All students participating in clinical learning experiences at University of Connecticut School of Nursing (SON) must be in compliance with health clearance policies as required by University of Connecticut and clinical agencies in which students perform their clinical hours. The student is responsible for providing UConn SON with evidence of health status, immunity and education by the published deadline as well as maintaining compliance throughout their academic program. Inability to meet deadlines or meet compliance standards will limit the student's ability to be placed in a clinical agency and complete the program. Students are required to create an account in American Databank's (ADB) Complio system, enter their information and upload the required documents by the published deadlines.

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 years.
    - 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 X-ray (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 Act (HIPAA) 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. Neonatal graduate students will also need to 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 Complio.
  - 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 begin 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.

### ENFORCEMENT

Students found non-compliant will not be able to attend the required clinical experience. UConn Programs are not responsible for arranging placements for students who are unable to meet a facility’s requirements.

### PROCEDURES/FORMS

[Office of Clinical Placement Coordination](#)

### POLICY HISTORY

To be reviewed: Annually

Full Faculty Adopted: 02/29/2016

Full Faculty review and approval: 5/7/2018

Full Faculty review and approval: 8/2022

Full Faculty review and reapproval: 5/8/2023