



Clinical Practicum Courses Policy – Undergraduate and CEIN Students

Title	Clinical Practicum Courses Policy – Undergraduate and CEIN Students 1.04
Policy Owner	Full Faculty
Applies to	Pre-Licensure Students
Campus Applicability	All campuses
Effective Date	5/23/19
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REASON FOR POLICY

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 pre-licensure students completing any type of clinical practicum or residency as part of their program of study.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Prior to the first clinical experience all nursing students must have the following health documentation on file in Student Health Services.
 - A. History and Physical performed by a licensed health care provider
 - B. Immunization Record
 - C. Tetanus immunization within the past ten years and documentation of Tdap once after the age of 10 yrs
 - D. One poliomyelitis booster following initial immunization
 - E. Evidence of a non-reactive PPD or a negative quantiferon gold test **within the past year**. If student has had a positive ppd or quantiferon test in the past, the student must be free of symptoms and have a negative chest xray (must be repeated every 5 years).
 - F. Mumps, Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella titers – evidence of the disease is NOT sufficient documentation. If the mumps, rubella or rubeola titers are not positive showing immunity, students will be required to be revaccinated with a follow-up titer showing immunity. If the varicella titer is not positive showing immunity it is the personal choice of the student to receive the varicella immunization.

- G. Hepatitis B vaccination is encouraged. Students who receive the Hepatitis B immunization series are required to have the titer showing immunity. Students who received the Hepatitis B series greater than two years prior to the start of clinical experiences are not required to have the titer. Students who choose to decline hepatitis B vaccination will be required to sign a declination form.
 - H. Annual seasonal influenza vaccine
 - I. Color vision deficiency screening
 - J. Medical Release Waiver
 - K. Criminal Background Check
2. For subsequent years of clinical practicum work nursing students must submit and update their health record with the following:
 - A. Updated tuberculin test
 - B. Review of Forms – completed by Student Health Services
 - C. An updated history and physical by a licensed provider and any other relevant testing if there has been a significant change in the student’s health status
 3. Proof of comprehensive health insurance.
 4. A current professional level certificate in cardiopulmonary resuscitation includes infant, child, adult, and two-person CPR.
 5. All students will be 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 course.
 6. Each academic year all nursing students are required to complete the Connecticut Hospital Association’s Standard Patient Care Orientation Guide prior to their first clinical experience. This self-study guide can be found on-line under Resources for Students at www.nursing.uconn.edu. After completing this self-study module students are required to obtain a passing score of 85% or above on the post-test. The post-test can be found on HuskyCT under the course title “Health & Safety Post-Test Class of 2009” (2010, 2011, 2017 etc).
 7. At the beginning of the first clinical experience in the curriculum all nursing students are required to complete HIPPA (Health Insurance Portability and Pension Act) training. Students must pass a post-test with a score of 80% or better. A record of this training and post-test score will be kept in the student’s academic file in the School of Nursing until graduation.
 8. Students who fail to provide written documentation that they have met the above health and program requirements will not be allowed in the clinical area.
 9. Removal from clinical by agency personnel is grounds for failure in the course.
 10. The School of Nursing reserves the right to make final decision regarding clinical

assignments and to modify such clinical assignments to facilitate the student's completion of the course objectives.

11. Faculty reserve the right to recommend a student's withdrawal from the program for reasons of health.
12. All other contractually-determined agency specific requirements must be met.

ENFORCEMENT

Violations of this policy may result in appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with University By-Laws, General Rules of Conduct for All University Employees, applicable collective bargaining agreements, and the University of Connecticut Student Code.

POLICY HISTORY

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