Marquette University College of Nursing
Health Requirements and Criminal Background Checks

All students are required to complete a criminal background check and provide proof of Wisconsin RN licensure, CPR certification, physical exam and immunization status prior to entry into the program. The criminal background check and TB immunization status are to be updated annually. CPR certification is updated every two years. This information is processed and tracked through certifiedbackground.com. Students are responsible for the cost of these services. The approximate cost is $73 for the first year, and $40 for each subsequent year.

Certified Background will be requesting documentation on the following items:

- **Background Check**
  Required by the Wisconsin Caregiver Background Check Law. The Office of the General Counsel and the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing will be contacted in all instances of criminal offenses identified to determine if a student is eligible to remain in the program.

- **Wisconsin Professional Nursing License**
  Provide a copy of your nursing license.
  NOTE: Direct Entry students will be required to provide proof of licensure after passing the NCLEX-RN, but no later than the 2nd Friday in October after completion of the pre-licensure phase.

- **CPR Certification**
  Provide a copy of your card. CPR certification must be maintained throughout the program. Only American Heart Association BLS certification will be accepted. Certification at Marquette University is available.
  NOTE: Direct Entry students can complete the BLS certification at the beginning of their pre-licensure phase.
  NOTE: Acute Care NP students need to be ACLS certified.
  NOTE: Pediatric Acute Care NP students need to be PALS certified.

- **Physical Exam**
  THE PHYSICAL MUST BE WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF ENTRY INTO THE PROGRAM. A physician, nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant must provide signed documentation of the physical exam. In addition, the provider must attest that the student is in satisfactory health to participate in Marquette University’s College of Nursing Program, including engaging in clinical practice.

- **Tetanus-Diphtheria Booster within the past 10 years**

- **TB Skin Test**
  To be completed annually. Documentation must include the dates and results of the test. If test results are positive, provide the date of your chest x-ray and results.
  It is the students’ responsibility to turn in documentation of this test to certifiedbackground.com on a yearly basis.

- **Chickenpox Varicella Vaccine OR Positive Blood Titer**
  Provide documentation of Varicella disease or proof of immunity by titer, or 2 doses of Varicella vaccine, 4 weeks apart.

- **2 MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) Vaccines OR 2 Measles, 1 Mumps, 1 Rubella Vaccine**
  Dose 1 on or after the first birthday; Dose 2 must be at least one month after the 1st dose.
  If immunization date is not available, a laboratory report of a blood test (titer) showing immunity to Rubella, Mumps and Rubella will be accepted. Vaccine/Titer not required for those born prior to 1957.

- **Hepatitis B Virus (HBV/HBSAB Series) OR Titer**
  If titer documentation indicates no immunity you must be immunized and provide documentation of the 3-dose series.

NOTE: The preceding documentation is required by the College of Nursing and is to be submitted to certifiedbackground.com. Any health information required by the University must be submitted separately to MU Student Health Services.