Health Requirements and Criminal Background Checks

All graduate students, with the exception of PhD 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 by August 1. Criminal background check verification, health status verification, seasonal influenza and TB immunization status are to be updated annually. CPR certification is updated every two years. Urine drug screening is required prior to beginning clinical practicum courses. This information is processed and tracked through certifiedbackground.com. Students are responsible for the cost of these services. The approximate cost is $117 (drug test $34; background check $53; medical document manager $30). No further charges will be incurred unless additional background checks or drug tests are required.

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. All students must get a background check upon admission and then must provide annual self-report verification of criminal background status. Refer to certifiedbackground.com for self-report form.

- **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 Health Care provider BLS certification, which includes AED, will be accepted, and it must be renewed every two years. Certification at Marquette University is available. NOTE: Direct Entry students can complete the BLS certification at the beginning of their pre-licensure phase. NOTE: Adult-Older Adult Acute Care NP students need to be ACLS certified by the October of the academic year in which they will be beginning clinical courses. NOTE: Pediatric Acute Care NP students need to be PALS certified by the October of the academic year in which they will be beginning clinical courses. NOTE: CPR certification is optional for Systems Leadership & Healthcare Quality students.

- **Physical Exam**
  THE PHYSICAL MUST BE WITHIN SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO THE PROGRAM with annual verification by self-report that health history is updated. 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. Any ADA/restrictions must be listed. Completed form must be uploaded to certifiedbackground.com. Refer to certifiedbackground.com for healthcare practitioner statement and annual self-report forms.

- **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 and complete annual report of health/symptom survey (forms available on certifiedbackground.com). If positive for active TB disease, participation in active treatment plan must be reviewed annually. Students are not eligible to participate in clinical practicum until such time as medical provider determines that they are not communicable. It is the students’ responsibility to turn in documentation related to this test to certifiedbackground.com on a yearly basis. Quantiferon TB test is acceptable in lieu of annual TB skin test.

- **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 measles, mumps and rubella will be accepted. Vaccine/Titer not required for those born prior to 1957.

- **Hepatitis B Virus (HBV/HBSAB Series) OR Titer**
  Medical documentation of 3-dose series OR titer. If titer documentation indicates no immunity you must be immunized and provide documentation of the 3-dose series.
Seasonal Influenza Vaccine
Provide documentation of annual immunization. If needed, a medical exemption document must be signed by primary care provider; religious exemption document must be signed by clergy. If valid documentation is on file an annual declination form must be signed as self-report. Refer to certifiedbackground.com for medical exemption document and annual declination forms.

Ten Panel Urine Drug Screen
Must be completed the semester prior to entering clinicals – by October 1st. All nursing students will undergo a 10 panel urine drug screen prior to clinical start; a negative result will require no further screens unless indications of impairment are present, in which case additional screens may be requested. If there is a break in a student’s enrollment, the urine drug screen will need to be repeated. If a student has a current positive drug screen result, they will not be able to participate in a clinical placement.

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.

Students will not be permitted to progress in the program and/or continue in clinical practica if the above health reports are not current and on file at certifiedbackground.com. If clinical time is missed due to missing health requirements, students’ progression may be affected.