

Health Requirements

Healthcare facilities have many procedures, processes and requirements that the College is mandated to follow in order to place students in the clinical setting. Students are required to complete a full health assessment as an enrollment requirement and annually upon continued matriculation. Students are responsible for submitting all required documents to their Castle Branch account by the designated deadline; faxed, mailed or emailed documents to the College will not be accepted. All health records must be 100% complete and current to attend class, lab and clinical.

New York State requires all students taking six credits or more and born after January 1, 1957 to submit the following immunization records (PHL Section 2165 and 2167):

- Measles, Mumps, Rubella
 - Proof of 2 measles, 1 mumps & 1 rubella vaccines (or 2 MMR's) OR
 - Positive blood test results (IGG) for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella,
- Meningitis
 - Proof of meningitis vaccine within 5 years OR
 - Signed wavier declining the meningitis vaccine.

Health Care facilities that students will be attending for clinical also **require** the following:

- Tuberculosis Screening
 - Evidence of one negative Purified Protein Derivative Testing (PPD) within 3 months prior to college entrance date
 - Or
 - Evidence of a negative QuantiFERON gold blood test, within 3 months prior to College entrance date
 - Students with a positive PPD test or positive QuantiFERON gold will be required to have a clear chest x-ray and show satisfactory evidence of follow-up health care with the Onondaga County Health Department Chest Clinic. A TB screening form must be completed annually for those with a positive PPD or positive QuantiFERON gold
 - Students will be required to have an annual TB screening
- 1 Tdap within 10 years
- 2 doses of varicella vaccine 4 weeks apart or positive blood test results (IGG) for varicella
- 3 Hepatitis B vaccines or positive blood test results (IGG) or declination form.
- Current Flu vaccine (one dose each flu season)
- COVID-19 full vaccination (2 doses of Moderna or Pfizer; or 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson)

Students are referred to the following for assistance with immunization compliance and records:

- Current and Previous Health Care Providers
- High School
- Prior/Current College
- Onondaga County Health Department
- Military records

For more information on the New York State Immunization requirements please visit:

http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/handbook/section_1_requirements.htm

For more information on immunization requirements for healthcare workers please visit the CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

Enforcement statement

Students must have the required health information upon matriculation and remain current throughout the program. Vaccination non-compliance may result in the inability to complete the required clinical component of the nursing program. Such non-compliance may result in immediate de-enrollment from the nursing program.

Medical exemptions for the COVID-19 vaccination will be reviewed and determined by Crouse Health (per NYS DOH guidelines). Decisions are not eligible for appeal/grievance. Medical exemptions are not guaranteed. If a student requests a medical exemption, it must be done for each clinical agency that the student is attending.

CPR REQUIREMENT

Students must provide documentation of successful completion of an approved CPR course listed below prior to established deadlines. All students are required to keep CPR certification current throughout program matriculation. Proof of continued certification for an entire semester/term is required, at the start of each semester/term. Prior to nursing coursework, students must complete one of the following courses:

- American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) (Two year certification)
- American Red Cross (ARC) Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (Two year certification)

Certification from any provider not listed above will not fulfill this requirement.

**Students who do not submit proof of completion of the approved CPR certification prior to the established deadline will be unable to attend nursing classes, lab and clinical rotations.*