

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN CLAIRIE
College of Nursing
HEALTH & CLINICAL RECORD GUIDELINES

FOR ADMITTED STUDENTS ONLY

Students admitted to the UW-Eau Claire College of Nursing program are required to follow health screening guidelines to comply with state statutes and local institutional policies regarding persons who work with patients in healthcare settings. These guidelines are explained below. The required health & clinical record information must be submitted following notification of admission and must remain current throughout the student's enrollment in a nursing program. Students will not be permitted to register for or participate in clinical course without completion of all required health information. Agencies may request additional information, including proof of personal health insurance coverage and therefore, you must be able to provide proof of personal health insurance if asked. BSN Completion program and graduate students must have current, appropriate, and unencumbered RN licensure for admission and clinical placement and participation; the RN licensure must be maintained throughout the duration of the program.

Requirements and fees are subject to change, per agency expectations and requests.

Please note that official documentation of the indicated items is required. Official documentation of vaccinations may include, for example, a clinic record, Regional Early Childhood Immunization Network (RECIN) document, State or National Immunization Registry document, or a document with a health care provider signature. If you are unable to provide proof of vaccination, then copies of lab titer results showing immunity are to be submitted. History of disease cannot be used in lieu of lab titer results or vaccination documentation.

Health Insurance Requirement and Health Expenses and Risks

All expenses associated with RN licensure, health surveillance, and care are borne by the student unless the Student Health Service specifically indicates otherwise. Students are not covered by health or accident insurance by UW. Compensation insurance does not cover students. If a student suffers a needle stick or is injured while in practicum, they are personally responsible to pay for all medical bills and therefore will need personal health insurance.

Due to occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, health care workers are at risk of acquiring Hepatitis B Virus infection and other serious infections. Students are considered to be at increased risk for needlestick injuries. Such accidents can also be costly (e.g., student and patient testing, ER injury management, chemoprophylaxis, and potential illness care). The student, not the College, University, or clinical agency, is responsible for these expenses should an accidental exposure occur.

nursing students are required to maintain health insurance for the duration of their education. Students must be able to provide proof of health insurance coverage if requested by clinical agencies. Students are under a continuing obligation to maintain health insurance during their education.

Tetanus Booster (TdaP)

- x Evidence of one TdaP (Tetanus, diphtheria, & adult Pertussis vaccine) received after the age of 11 years must be submitted. Continue with Td booster every 10 years after TdaP.

Tuberculosis (TB) Testing

Annual TB testing (either TB skin testing or GRA testing) is required for all students with two exceptions

1. For BSN Completion program students, the TB testing must be completed by April³⁰ for fall clinical and November¹ for spring clinical; all other requirements to be met upon admission to the program.
2. For graduate students, the TB testing must be completed by April³⁰ of the year they begin their clinical site role preparation courses; all other requirements to be met upon admission to the program.

Tuberculin Skin Test (TST)

- x Students must provide proof of completion of two TB tests to complete this requirement.
 - o Students who have never had TB skin testing or their most recent TB skin test was over 365 days ago must complete a two-step TB skin test.

- x Students who have received the series of 3 Hepatitis B vaccinations but are unable to show proof of the vaccinations

