

NMSU School of Nursing

Clinical clearances remain essential....

We will place an advising hold on any student who does not have up-to-date clearances in by the due date. All nursing students are required to have up-to-date immunizations and current American Heart Association Basic Life Support for health care providers/CPR certification. This must include a “hands-on” check-off. No other type of CPR certification is accepted for the satisfaction of this requirement.

CLINICAL CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

REQUIREMENT	ACCEPTED	NOT ACCEPTED
Background check	Clear or minor offenses (e.g., traffic tickets). Students and faculty are screened through the NM DOH Criminal Caregivers program at the beginning of the program /employment and will need to updated their background yearly.	Major offenses against people (e.g., child abuse, drug trafficking).
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)	American Heart Association (AHA) approved Basic Life Support (BLS) for health care providers.	American Red Cross (ARC) or other online only certifications.
Drug Testing	10 panel test on urine through CastleBranch.com. Students are screened at the beginning of the program and annually.	Less than 10 substances. Positive results (without a validated medical reason).
Health Insurance	NMSU or private insurance. Students provide proof at the beginning of the program and provide an updated record yearly.	No insurance.
Hepatitis B	3 vaccines (usually the 2nd is given 1 month later and the 3rd is given 4-6 months later) of any of these brand names: Energix B, Recombivax HB, or Twinrix. AND a positive titer of antibodies in the blood. Note: students may begin the program with 1 or 2 vaccines and then complete the series later.	Havarix A vaccine (this is for Hepatitis A). Negative or Equivocal titer.

Influenza (flu)	<p>Flu immunization (injected or intranasal) every winter (September through March). Each year NMSU nursing students will need to update their influenza immunizations by January if not done in the fall semester. This immunization is offered at many area pharmacies and clinics. Immunization costs are the responsibility of the student.</p> <p>Students who have contraindications for this important immunization will be asked to wear masks to clinical for the duration of the influenza season. A note from a medical provider is required.</p>	<p>Pneumonia vaccine (this is for a different organism). Note: the injectable form can be given to pregnant women, but not the intranasal form.</p> <p>Note: If the immunization is contraindicated, then many agencies require personnel to wear a mask.</p>
Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, Rubella (German measles)	<p>2 doses of the MMR vaccine that are at least 28 days apart (if born before 1957, then 1 dose)</p> <p>AND a positive titer to each virus.</p>	<p>Negative or Equivocal titer to any virus.</p> <p>Note: Rubella vaccine should NOT be given to pregnant women (a provider note is needed).</p>
Orientations	<p>Mountain View Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Memorial Medical Center</p> <p>El Paso Community Wide</p>	<p>No documentation.</p>
Tetanus, Diptheria, and Pertussis (TDaP)	<p>A vaccine (or booster) within the last 10 years containing Pertussis.</p>	<p>Tetanus and Diphtheria only</p>
Tuberculosis (TB)	<p>A 2-step TB Skin Test (TST, PPD, Mantoux) is required every 12 months that is <u>negative</u> (usually less than 15 millimeters of induration). The 2-step process is one skin test and reading followed by a second d skin test and reading 7-21 days after the first test;</p> <p>OR a negative blood test (T-Spot TB test or QuantiFERON®-TB Gold);</p> <p>OR if person ever had a positive skin test result, then one <u>negative</u> chest x-ray AND a yearly <u>negative</u> screening of TB symptoms.</p>	<p>Positive skin test</p> <p>Note: people who had the BCG vaccine can have TB tests.</p> <p>Positive chest x-ray or symptom report.</p> <p>Positive blood test.</p>
Varicella (Chicken pox)	<p>Adults: 2 vaccines that are at least 28 days apart; OR 1 vaccine given before 13 years of age;</p>	<p>Reports from providers or from individuals that they have had the disease.</p>

	AND a positive titer	Negative or Equivocal titer. Note: Varicella vaccine should NOT be given to pregnant women (a provider note is needed).
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Drug Screening:

10-panel drug screens must be completed yearly. The approved drug screening provider for the NMSU SON is Certified Background. Certified Background has facilities across the United States, so if you are spending your break somewhere other than Las Cruces, you may elect to obtain drug-screening at one of their other contracted locations. Please ensure that any other location you use has our address and that it is directed to Ms. June Vermillion. Unfortunately, we are unable to issue clinical clearances until all records are completed. This prevents students from participating in SON clinical experiences, including the nursing skills lab.

If you need to submit a drug screen go to:

1. www.CastleBranch.com
2. Click on **Place Order**
3. Enter package code **NE38dt – Drug Test only**

If there is a break in nursing coursework for any reason, an updated criminal background check, drug screening, and renewal of out-of-date clinical clearance documents would be required to satisfy clinical clearance requirements.

Clinical clearance requirements are mandatory before a student or faculty member can participate in clinical activities. This is a safety requirement in our program. The clearance must be renewed annually to meet facility and School of Nursing policies.

To meet this safety requirement and to prevent delay in presenting the group of clearances to our clinical facilities, no renewal of clearances will be accepted after 5:00 pm on the deadline dates listed below:

FALL SEMESTER renewals due:	15 July
SPRING SEMESTER renewals due:	15 December

If the clearance is not submitted by the final date and time, the student will be unable to register for the clinical courses that semester. The student may enroll in non-clinical courses with permission of Associate Director for Undergraduate Programs but will need to petition the BSN Committee to take these missed clinical courses on a space available basis in the following semester. Students may not progress until all courses in each level are satisfactorily completed.