**The Nurse Anesthesia Program recommends that its students review this entire Web page closely.**

Failure to meet any of the following requirements will jeopardize your ability to attend clinical courses (see below for details on requirements). Prior to the start of each semester, you must meet clinical requirements designated by the NHS and specific clinical agencies.

All requirements must be current at all times in order for you to participate in clinical course(s). *Additional requirements may be requested depending on the clinical agency where you will be completing your clinical work.* This assures you of maximal opportunities in a variety of agencies.

1. Immunizations
2. TB Test
3. Physical Exam
4. Drug Screen
5. Influenza Vaccination
6. CPR Certifications
7. Criminal Background Check
8. RN Licensing

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**Requirements for Clinical Clearance**

1. *Immunizations*

MMR (2 Vaccines **OR** 3 Titers)

One of the following is required: 2 vaccinations OR positive antibody titer for all 3 components (lab report required.) Only positive titers are acceptable. Series in process not acceptable.

Varicella (2 Vaccines **OR** Titer)

One of the following is required: 2 vaccinations OR positive antibody titer (lab report required). Only positive titers are acceptable. Series in process not acceptable.

Hepatitis B (Series **AND** Titer)

Both of the following is required: 3 vaccinations AND positive antibody titer (lab report required). Only positive titers are acceptable. Series in process acceptable.

Tdap except if TD is Less Than 2 years old

*Documentation of a Tdap booster within the past* 10 *years OR a Td booster within the past* 2 *years*. *The renewal date will be set at* 10 *years if Tdap is submitted or* 2 *years if Td is submitted*.

1. TB (1 Step **OR** Chest X-ray)

One of the following is required: 1 step TB Skin test OR if positive results, provide a clear Chest X-ray. Upon renewal you are required to do the following: 1 step test, QuantiFERON or Chest X-ray. Lab report required for Chest X-ray and/or QuantiFERON.

1. *Physical Exam*
* Your health care provider must verify that you are in good health and can participate in the clinical setting.
* This is an annual requirement for all student nurses. Physical Exam must be completed on school form.

*4. Drug Screen*

* All student nurses must provide documentation of a negative urine drug test including full lab results of amphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, opiates, cocaine, THC (marijuana), methadone, Propoxyphene and Phencyclidine (PCP).
* If a student tests positive due a prescribed medication, documentation from a health care provider must be submitted.
* Please note that some clinical sites may require a drug screening within 30 days of your first clinical. Therefore, you may need multiple drug screens throughout the year. Your clinical instructor will notify you of this extra requirement and it must be completed in order to achieve clinical clearance.
* Drug screens are available through the primary health care provider (**1st year only**), student health center, or students may opt to utilize Lab Corp through [Certified Background](https://www.certifiedbackground.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).

*5. Influenza Vaccinations*

* All student nurses must be vaccinated against the seasonal influenza virus.
* The new flu vaccine is released each fall and should be received once available.
* Students who cannot receive the flu vaccination due to an egg allergy or other health issue most provide documentation of this from a health care provider.
* This is an annual requirement for all student nurses.

*6. CPR Certification*

* An American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) for the Health Care Provider course (not lay people) is required, and must be kept up-to-date at all times. This must be an in-person course with skills test.
* To find an American Heart Association authorized training center, please visit their [site](http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/classConnector.jsp?pid=ahaweb.classconnector.home" \t "_blank).
* A copy of the CPR card or documentation stating that the course was complete must be submitted. Please make sure that you sign the card.

*ACLS, and PALS Certifications*

* Nurse Anesthesia students are required to provide documentation of PALS and ACLS certifications prior to Phase II of the program.

*7. Criminal Background Check*

* All nursing students must secure a criminal background check annually.
* NHS only accepts background checks completed through the vendor Certified Background.

*8. RN Licensing*

* All graduate nursing students must obtain a DC RN license. DC is not part of the compact licensure agreement.
* In addition, you will need a license from VA or MD, depending upon your place of residence.
* If you are a DC resident, you will need a MD license. (The state of VA will allow you to attend clinical rotations as a student with DC license. However, the state of MD will not.
* If you are a resident of VA or MD, you should obtain a license in your state of residence.
* Please note that while VA and MD are part of the compact agreement, it only applies if you are a resident of the state in which you are licensed.
* If you are going to remain a permanent resident in another state that is part of the compact agreement, then that license will cover you for MD and VA. You will still need a DC license.
* If you are going to remain a permanent resident in another state that is not part of the compact agreement, then you must be licensed in MD and DC.
* Summary:
- DC residents need DC license and MD license
- VA residents need DC license and VA license
- MD resident need DC license and MD license
* Please note: As graduate students, you are responsible for obtaining your licenses.  The School of Nursing & Health Studies does not facilitate the application process with the state boards of nursing.