



CHAPTER TEN: CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS & STUDENT HEALTH

CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT/CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

All applicants accepted for admission to the nursing program must have a criminal background and child/elder abuse or neglect check completed with a school specified company. The check will be at the student's expense.

If an unacceptable report is received, the student will not be allowed to continue in the nursing program. The student will be required to withdrawal from the nursing program immediately and in accordance with school policy outlined in Chapter 4.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR LEVEL ONE

Prior to the first day of classes, all students must submit a current physical examination, the "Student Medical History" form, and a current Lutheran School of Nursing "Immunization Record". A PPD test is required to be completed within one month of the first day of beginning a nursing track at LSN. A second PPD test is required prior to the start of Level II rotations. Students will be denied access to clinical laboratory experiences regarding direct patient care until *all* required health forms are accepted.

The Enrollment Coordinator maintains current students' health records. Upon exiting LSN, the Registrar maintains student health records as part of the student's official file.

Students are responsible for maintaining their own health records. All requests for copies of health records must be made with the Registrar. If a student wishes a copy of part or all of the health record that LSN maintains, the "Health Record Request" form must be completed and submitted to the Registrar with a \$3.00 fee for each copy.

CPR

CPR must be current through your scheduled date of graduation. Lutheran School of Nursing is required to show proof of this certification to clinical facilities. All nursing students are required to obtain CPR for Health Care Providers within one month of the first day of beginning a nursing track at LSN. This is a **two-year Healthcare Provider** status sponsored by the *American Heart Association*. This is required to participate in clinical laboratory experiences. It is the student's responsibility to obtain CPR thru anticipated date of completion. It is the student's responsibility to have current CPR if there is any interruption in the nursing program that changes the anticipated date of completion.

DRUG SCREENING

All applicants accepted for admission must submit to a urine drug screen at a school specified facility. Students whose test results are positive **or** who miss the deadline for screening will have their acceptance withdrawn. After a positive result, no student will be permitted to apply for readmission for a period of one year.

The Medical Review Officer will review any valid prescriptions that might result in a positive result. His decision will determine if an exception will be made. However, the student must be able to perform the Essential Functions of the Student Nurse (see **CHAPTER ONE**).

The drug screen will be at the student's expense.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR LEVEL TWO

Annual PPD tests are required; therefore, a PPD test is required prior to the start of Level II rotations.



GENERAL POLICIES

INSURANCE COVERAGE

All students are required to carry their own health and hospitalization insurance. A “Letter of Understanding” and a “Statement of Responsibility” must be signed before attending class the first day of school. The school does not provide infirmary facilities.

EMERGENCY/ILLNESS/INJURY DURING CLINICAL

In a medical emergency, needle-stick, or other clinical injury as defined by the supervising faculty member, the student at St. Alexius Hospital clinical should be seen in the St. Alexius Hospital Emergency Room. The student will be responsible for the resulting Emergency Room bill.

The student shall cooperate with the supervising faculty member in providing information necessary for the faculty member to complete a “Hospital Quality/Risk/Security Report.”

If the student is ill or injured in clinical at a site other than St. Alexius Hospital, the student and faculty are requested to follow the policies of the host agency with the understanding that the student will be responsible for any cost of treatment based on the decision of the treating host-facility. The student maintains the right of choice of source of treatment, but must do so with the understanding that they will be responsible for any resulting cost.

EMERGENCY/ILLNESS/INJURY ON CAMPUS

If an injury/illness on school premises results in a medical emergency, the student, if able should choose whether to seek help at St. Alexius Emergency room or elsewhere. If a student is unable to act in their own behalf, in an urgent situation, others at the scene should call “911.” Payment for any and all costs incurred is the responsibility of the student.

In non-emergencies, the student is to call his/her own health care provider to establish treatment needs. All injuries occurring on school premises are to be reported within 24 hours to the Associate Director of Student Development and a “Hospital Quality/Risk/Security Report” completed. **When In Doubt, Make a Report.**

Lutheran School of Nursing Receptionist Desk 577-5850
St. Alexius Emergency Department 865-7955

RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER HOSPITALIZATION

Upon discharge from any hospitalization, following any surgical procedure, or after an absence due to illness of three or more consecutive days, the student must present a written release from their physician that authorizes the student to resume normal class and clinical laboratory activities without limitations.

PREGNANCY

A student who becomes pregnant may continue in the program with the consent of her private physician. A written statement from the physician indicating that the student may continue with no activity restrictions must be submitted within the first trimester of the pregnancy to be filed in the student’s record. If a complication arises, a Medical Leave of Absence (MLOA) may be requested – see Medical Leave of Absence Procedure in Student Handbook, Chapter 4. In addition, a written release from the physician must also be provided upon the student’s return to school after delivery.