

## **CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Nursing clinicals are provided in agencies located primarily in Kay, Garfield, Payne, and Oklahoma counties. The student should expect to travel to any of these locations throughout the clinical experience. Other local facilities provide specific clinical experiences such as schools, daycares, clinics, private homes, and chemical dependency units. All student learning activities are planned, supervised, and evaluated by Northern Oklahoma College nursing faculty and are chosen to provide experience with clients of all age groups in varying degrees of wellness.

Certification of Healthcare Provider CPR (BLS) for infant, child, and adult is required by August 1. The certification must show a hands-on demonstration in-person was performed with a program instructor. This requirement is arranged by the student. This certification must be current throughout the program. Completely online courses will not be accepted.

It is essential that nursing students be able to perform a number of physical activities in the clinical portion of the program. At a minimum, students will be required to lift at least 50 pounds, stand for several hours at a time and perform bending activities. Students who have a chronic illness or acute condition must be able to implement safe, competent, direct client care. The clinical nursing experience also places students under considerable mental and emotional stress as they undertake responsibilities and duties impacting clients' lives. Students must be able to demonstrate rational and appropriate behavior under stressful conditions. Individuals should give careful consideration to the mental and physical demands of the program prior to course drop date.

## **PHYSICAL EXAM AND IMMUNIZATIONS**

All students on initial enrollment to their first nursing course must have a physical health form completed by a physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner by August 1 prior to the first day of class in order to remain eligible for admission. Students are responsible for expenses incurred.

Immunization requirements:

- Hepatitis B vaccine (3 doses).
- Tdap immunization within the past 10 years.
- Documented varicella titer or varicella vaccine (2 immunizations).
- Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine (2 immunizations at least one month apart or born before 1957) or titers for all 3. Immunizations are required if titers are low.
- Two (2) TB skin test & results at least one week apart within past 12 months. If TB skin test is positive or contraindicated, a chest x-ray must have been taken within the past 12 months and results reported or a form stating no signs and symptoms so chest x-ray is not needed by a care provider or nurse practitioner.

- Second year students (sophomores) must validate prior or on the first day of class either a negative TB skin test or chest x-ray within the past 12 months.
- Seasonal influenza vaccine must be completed annually by October 31 or as required by the clinical facility.
- COVID-19 vaccine (2 doses Pfizer or Moderna; 1 dose Johnson & Johnson).

All students must provide documentation of compliance with immunization requirements by August 1 prior to the first day of class in order to remain eligible for admission or continuation in the program. Students who are not in compliance with the clinical facility requirements will not be able to attend clinical and will therefore be unable to meet course outcomes and progress in the nursing program.