

Common Clinical Placement Requirements

The Shawsheen Valley School of Practical Nursing requires the completion of clinical hours in the following courses: Fundamentals of Nursing I and II, Maternity and Pediatric Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, Medical Surgical Nursing and Geriatric Nursing.

The following are common clinical placement requirements:

1. Complete the health clearance form and submit it to the coordinator prior to the first night of class. A student may not attend clinical without this form.
2. Submit verification of health insurance to administrative assistant prior to the first night of class.
3. Complete all required immunizations/ titers/ antibody testing per the Massachusetts Department of Public Health prior to the first night of class.
4. Complete screening for tuberculosis in the form of an annual Mantoux/PPD test, a CXR within five (5) years of admission following a positive PPD, or an annual Quantiferon gold assay prior to the first night of class.
5. Receive an annual influenza vaccination prior to November 1 of the calendar year and submit evidence to the coordinator.
6. Provide evidence of initial Covid 19 vaccination or the Bivalent vaccination for Covid 19. This requirement may change based on MA Department of Public Health or MA DESE guidelines/recommendations.
7. Provide evidence of completion of AHA BLS CPR. Please bring evidence of completion to the administrative assistant prior to the first night of class.
8. Create an account and complete the student orientation on Massachusetts Centralized Clinical Placement website. Submit the ticket to the administrative assistant within the designated time frame- usually within the first two weeks of class.
<https://www.mass.edu/mcncps/orientation/welcome.asp>
9. Ensure uniforms are ordered and received prior to the first clinical session. Uniforms must be purchased from an approved vendor and must clearly state the student's first name, last initial and Shawsheen PN.
10. Be willing to follow the dress code policies outlined in the student handbook, page 20-21. The handbook can be found on the website, www.shawsheenpracticalnursing.com under current students.
11. Review the location of clinical sites. Ensure transportation is available to the clinical sites. Students may be required to complete an additional CORI prior to the start of the clinical rotation and may be required to have a photo ID made.
12. Clinical times vary. Usual weekend times begin at 8 AM and end at 4 PM. Occasionally a student may be asked to begin at 7 AM. Usual weekday clinical begins at 5 PM and ends at 11 PM. Exceptions include pediatric and mental health clinical experiences that will occur during the weekday hours.
13. Drug testing may be required at some clinical sites. Students must be prepared for drug testing throughout the enrollment period at Shawsheen.
14. Students may be required to wear a mask during clinical activities. Students may also be required to test frequently for Covid 19.