

**West Virginia University at Parkersburg  
Nursing and Health Sciences Division  
RN-BSN Program**

**CLINICAL PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RN-BSN PROGRAM**

**Each student admitted into the RN-BSN Program must complete the following:**

**Immunizations**

After formal acceptance into the RN-BSN program, all students must provide documentation, to the Nursing & Health Sciences Division, of the following immunizations: DTaP vaccine within the last 7 years, Hepatitis B vaccination series with titer (or waiver), and Varicella and MMR Titers\*. Students born after 1957 will not need titers if an immunization record is provided that indicates the varicella vaccine was given at 12-18 months of age, and that two (2) MMR vaccinations were given. Students may provide documentation by a Health Care Provider indicating that he/she has had the chickenpox, the mumps, and/or measles in lieu of the vaccine. Students are required to get a seasonal flu vaccine prior to clinical experience at any facility that requires the seasonal flu for their employees.

**Documentation of these items must be received in the Nursing & Health Sciences Division prior to enrollment in Nursing 324/330.**

**CPR Certification**

Each student admitted into the RN-BSN program is required annually to maintain current CPR certification, the American Heart Association, Health Care Provider (with the use of an AED), as well as, in-service education as determined by the faculty and affiliate health care agencies for their capstone project.

**Drug Screening**

WVU Parkersburg is a drug free community. Therefore, all students admitted to and enrolled in any program within the Nursing & Health Sciences Division are subject to the Nursing & Health Science Division's Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy, which is found on the Nursing & Health Sciences Division's website.

To that end, students in the RN-BSN program may be required to submit to randomized, mandatory drug screening without notice. Failure to cooperate will result in administrative dismissal from the program. Students who test positive for alcohol equal to or greater than 0.02 BAC, illegal usage of a controlled substance, or illicit drugs will be immediately dismissed from the program and will not be eligible for readmission to any health science program.

Any student demonstrating behaviors of reasonable suspicion or impaired capacity will be required to undergo immediate drug/alcohol testing. All costs incurred as a result of this action is the responsibility of the student.

## **Background Check**

Criminal background checks are required for all students entering the Nursing & Health Sciences programs. Cost associated with the state and federal criminal history checks will be the responsibility of the student. A clinical facility has the right to refuse a student access to clinical experiences based on results of the criminal background check, which may prevent progression in the program. The Nursing & Health Sciences Division reserves the right to nullify a student's admission based on the results of his or her background check. Providing false information and/or failure to disclose background information on the application to the program is grounds for immediate dismissal.

## **Confidentiality Statements and HIPAA Training**

Students in the Nursing & Health Sciences programs are subject to institutional, state, and federal regulations. Completion of required documentation is necessary for participation in clinical and community experiences. Students will sign a HIPAA confidentiality statement at the start of each semester.

## **Progression and Graduation**

Once a student is admitted to the RN-BSN Program at West Virginia University at Parkersburg, it is expected that the program be completed in the prescribed three semesters for a full-time progression and five semesters for a part-time progression. The maximum length of time to complete the program can be no longer than five calendar years from the date of enrollment in the initial nursing course. Students who withdraw from a nursing or a nonnursing course required to progress in the program or earns a D or F in a nursing course or a non-nursing course required to progress in the program must request to be considered for reinstatement to the program.

A student may be granted re-instatement to the program as long as the student can complete the program within five calendar years from enrollment in the first nursing course. A student who earns a second course failure will be dismissed from the nursing program. Dismissal from the nursing program renders the student ineligible for reinstatement or return to the program. A student who is dismissed from the program has the right of appeal.

The student must maintain an active unencumbered registered nursing license throughout the program. If at any time the license becomes sanctioned, revoked, probated or suspended the student will notify the Director and will be dismissed from the program. Students must demonstrate behavior consistent with the Department's Professional Standards and Safe Clinical Practice Standards. Failure to adhere to the Standards may result in dismissal from the program.

To qualify for graduation, the student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and earn a grade of "C" or better in each course in the nursing curriculum.

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