

Mandatory St. Luke's SON Pre-Entrance and Health Requirements

Mandatory Criminal Background Checks:

1. PA Child Abuse History Clearance
2. PA State Police Criminal Record Check
3. FBI Background Check - plus an additional fee for fingerprinting.

Mandatory Pre-Entrance Health Requirements

Pre-Entrance Health Screening is required for all nursing students. Prior to beginning classes at St. Luke's School of Nursing, registered students must complete all health records and required forms provided and requested by the School of Nursing as follows:

1. **Physical Examination** - The physical examination must be completed and signed by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner within six months prior to the student's entrance date. The examination includes a Snellen eye examination.
2. **Laboratory Testing** - Results of laboratory/diagnostic testing may be required based on abnormal findings of physical examination.
3. **Immunizations** - The following immunizations are required. A physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner must complete and sign the immunization record section of the physical examination form.
 - Measles - Show proof of immunity by titer or show proof of two vaccinations for Measles.
 - Mumps - Show proof of immunity by titer or show proof of two vaccinations for Mumps.
 - Rubella - Show proof of immunity by titer or show proof of two vaccinations for Rubella.
 - Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (TDAP) – Proof of immunization within 10 years of beginning clinical assignments.
 - Varicella - If no history of Chickenpox, two (2) documented doses of Varicella Vaccine or a positive/immune Varicella titer required.
 - Tuberculosis - TST (tuberculin skin test) is required yearly, with the initial being a 2-step. The Tine Test is not acceptable.
 - Hepatitis B Vaccine - Show proof of immunity by titer or either receive the series of three Hepatitis B vaccinations or provide a signed declination.
 - Meningococcal Vaccine – *While not required, a one-time vaccination against meningococcal disease is recommended for all dormitory residents.*

Mandatory Up-to-Date Records

Pre-enrollment and throughout in the nursing program, it is the responsibility of the student to maintain currency of certain required records. Renewed and updated records must be received by the Registrar on or before the date of expiration. Failure to renew and submit required records will prevent the student from attending classes and clinical that could result in dismissal from the School.

1. **Drug/Alcohol Testing** - Student will be tested for drugs and alcohol prior to the start of their clinical experience. See [SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING](#) section in the Student Catalog & Handbook.
2. **CPR Certification** - CPR certification by the American Heart Association (AHA) is required of all students. The American Heart Association's *BLS Healthcare Provider Course* is the only acceptable certification course for infant through adult CPR. This AHA CPR certification must be obtained no longer than 3 months prior to beginning the SON program. If you have CPR certification other than by AHA, you must still complete the AHA certification within the above time frame. A copy of your card is required for our records. St. Luke's Hospital requires nursing students to maintain CURRENT certification throughout the entire program.
3. **TST or Tuberculin Skin Test** - Initial testing must be "two-step" testing with one test being performed within six months of beginning at St. Luke's SON (documentation must be provided to the School) and second test given at time of SON orientation or at the beginning of classes. Annual TB testing will be required until graduation from the program with follow-up testing offered at the beginning of the second year.
4. **Physical or Behavioral Health Restrictions** - Nursing students who have restrictions due to physical or behavioral health conditions and are under the care of a physician must update the School as to these restrictions on an annual basis or when the health status of the student changes. Upon request, written clearance from the treating physician may be required to attend the clinical and/or classroom components of the curriculum. Please see the [DISABILITIES](#) section in the Student Catalog & Handbook for more information on the interactive process of determining whether reasonable accommodation may be provided to an otherwise qualified student with a disability.

Not Mandatory, but Strongly Recommended

Student Health Insurance - Students are urged to have sufficient health insurance coverage that includes hospitalization. *St. Luke's Hospital does not provide free health care to students.*