Office of Verification & Compliance

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’S)

1. If there is some reason why a student is not permitted to get immunizations (i.e. pregnancy, allergic to flu vaccine, etc.), what happens?

   We would require a note from their physician explaining why the student are not able to receive the vaccination and on what date they can receive the vaccination. In order for the student to participate in clinical, we will use this letter to obtain clearance from our clinical partners. The final decision is up to each individual clinical partner not CNM or the Office of Verification and Compliance.

2. Can a student go through the fingerprint process and urine drug screen prior to beginning the course or attending orientation, as long as they follow the procedure and obtain the screen, etc., at the site required?

   Unfortunately not, only because students need authorization forms to complete both the background check and urine drug screen. These forms will be given to students during the first week of class along with due dates.

3. If a student was in a previous program @ CNM that required fingerprints/background checks, do they need to repeat the requirements?

   Students who have been continuously enrolled at CNM after completing a background check, may not have to repeat it based on the date of their clearance letter. If a student had ink fingerprints done they may need to repeat the background check as we have moved to an electronic fingerprint capture process.

4. If I have a felony can I still enroll in a clinical course?

   Students are welcome to register for any course at CNM. The decision to grant clearance for clinicals based on the background check is determined by the NMDOH not CNM or the Office of Verification and Compliance. Students are encouraged to review our Guide for students with Felony Convictions for more detailed information by program.

5. What CPR cards are acceptable?

   Students are required to have Healthcare provider level CPR certification prior to the deadline given during your class visit or orientation. We only accept certifications from American Red Cross, American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI), American Heart Association (AHA). We do not accept online only certification.

6. Does the electronic fingerprinting form have an expiration date?

   Yes, the due date is established by the NMDOH and students must get their fingerprints scanned before that date.
7. What happens if I miss the compliance deadline?

The Office of Verification and Compliance is committed to student success. As a result, we will do our best to work with students who are having difficulties meeting the deadlines for reasons out of their control. Students who do not meet the deadlines cannot be cleared for clinicals and may be removed from their program.

8. When should I take HLTH 1001?

This should be taken the term before you enter your chosen clinical course or program of study. The certifications obtained in this course are only good for one (1) year and CPR is good for two (2) years. If this is taken too early some certifications will no longer valid, at which point students will have to renew prior to their deadline.

9. What if I work at UNMH or Presbyterian, do I still have to do the computer training modules?

Yes, because you will have a separate Instructor account that is not at all tied to your employee account. It is critical that each facility knows when you are there as a student/instructor or an employee.

10. I’m not scheduled at UNMH or Presbyterian do I still need to do computer training modules?

Yes, because unfortunately clinical schedules change and you must be cleared at all facilities.

11. What happens if I fail the drug screen?

Students who do not successfully pass a drug screen will not be able to start their clinical course or their program of study. For specifics please see HWPS’s Urine Drug Screen Policy.

12. I just had a background check completed, can I use that one?

No, per NM statute, each entity has to perform their own background investigation, through the NMDOH.

13. Can I waive immunizations based on personal or religious beliefs?

Students can go through the NMDOH to obtain a legal exemption, however it is at the discretion of our clinical partners to allow students without the required immunization into their facilities. Please visit the NMDOH for instructions on how to obtain legal exemption.