PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

Clinical Clearance Requirements for BSN Degree Nursing Students (Initial and Ongoing)

The following items are required of all BSN Degree Nursing Students in order to obtain clinical clearance.

1. **Health Clearance from PUC Health Services:** (see – Health Clearance Requirements for all Nursing Students)

2. **HealthStream Educational Modules:** Purchase and complete the required HealthStream modules prior to the start of the first practicum course (annual renewal required if necessary). See attached information sheet.

3. **CPR for Healthcare Professionals:** Provide the Department of Nursing & Health Sciences with a card issued the American Heart Association verifying completion of a, AHA Basic Life Support Provider (BLS) course.

4. **Background Check and Drug Screen:** A clear background check and clear drug screen are required of all students entering the program. See below for more information. Clearance obtained for the AS program is acceptable for the BSN as long as there has not been a gap in enrollment.

5. **Current RN License:** Provide the NHS office with a copy of your current RN license.

6. **Professional Liability Insurance:** Provide the NHS office with a copy of your Certificate of Insurance.
   - You will need RN-level coverage in the amount of $1,000,000/6,000,000.
   - Coverage is available through the Nurses Service Organization (800-247-1500; [www.nso.com](http://www.nso.com)). Coverage may also be available through your own Insurance vendor.
   - Be sure to request a Certificate of Insurance be sent to the NHS office (FAX 707-965-6499). Keep a copy showing the policy number for your own records.

7. **CA Drivers License:** Provide the NHS office with a copy of your current Drivers license.

8. **Automobile Insurance:** Community Health Practicums may require that you drive as a part of the practicum, so please have readily available a copy of your current automobile insurance.

**Criminal Background Check and Drug Screen**

All students are required to undergo a criminal background check and drug screen prior to participating in required clinical experiences. A valid social security number is required for this process. Both the criminal background check and the drug screen must be completed satisfactorily as determined by the Department of Nursing prior to beginning any clinical experience. Students are responsible for all costs associated with criminal background check and drug screening. Students must further agree that all results are available to the program and the clinical sites associated with the program. Should a clinical agency refuse to place a student based on the outcome of either the background check or the drug screen, the program has no responsibility for arranging alternate clinical placements.

**Criminal Background Check:** Students must clear a criminal background check before finalizing admission to the nursing program. Failure to undergo the background check will result in dismissal from the program. If the background check indicates criminal behavior the student may be dismissed from the program. Students may appeal the decision and will have the opportunity to present information to dispute the background check. Determination by the Department of Nursing that a student has passed the criminal background check does not guarantee that every clinical facility will accept this assessment and allow the student to participate in clinical experiences. A student who has a gap in continuous enrollment in the program may be required to undergo another criminal background check prior to readmission into the program.

**Drug Screen:** Students must clear a urine drug test before finalizing admission to the nursing program. Failure to undergo the drug test will result in dismissal from the program. If the student fails the test, the student will not be admitted to the program. If a student contests the results of a test, the student has the right to request that the sample be retested at a second location (provided that the request is made and the second drug test is completed within seven (7) days after the results of the failed test).

**Readmission.** Should the Department obtain evidence of criminal behavior and/or drug use after a student has been cleared for admission into the program, the student may be dismissed from the program. Readmission into the program may be considered in the sole discretion of the Department if a subsequent background check shows a clear record, or the student follows a treatment plan developed in collaboration with Student Health Services and the Counseling Center and clears subsequent random urine drug testing.

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1 Further information about obtaining the required background check and urine screening is provided upon admission to the designated program.