
Summer Info for 2026-27 Nursing Ed/Clinical Students

Dear Parents and Students:

You are receiving this information letter because you applied for and requested the Nursing Ed/Clinical Internship courses for the 2026-2027 school year. This packet is an attempt to make your life easier by giving you information and time before these deadlines occur. It is a lot of information, so please read carefully. Several of the requirements take some advanced planning/scheduling and **summer is the best time** to take care of these. In addition, when you add all of this up, it can get expensive. Hopefully, knowing in advance will help you plan and ease the burden of back-to-school costs. If you need financial assistance, please let us know. Students will be given additional information and explanations after their semester begins. Feel free to email us now or over the summer if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to going on this exciting journey together.

Sincerely,

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CLINICAL CHECKLIST: Due by the FIRST WEEK of the fall semester. Do NOT bring anything on the first day of school. See below for more detailed information.

√ Medical and Paperwork Requirements	√ Purchases
☐ Social Security Card (not a copy and not laminated)	☐ Wristwatch (no digital or smart watches)
☐ Driver's License	☐ Athletic Shoes
☐ Proof of car insurance	☐ 1-2 sets of Rebel Red Scrubs (save receipt if you go ahead & purchase)
☐ Proof of health insurance	
☐ Printed BLS card	
☐ Documentation of 2-step TB skin test	
☐ Immunization record with MMR, Varicella, etc	
☐ Reliable Transportation Plans	

PRELIMINARY INFO & REQUIREMENTS

- **Plan for a fall deadline.** Since we do not know student schedules until the end of July, ALL STUDENTS should assume and plan to have fall clinical. That means, you should be prepared to have the required paperwork by the beginning of the fall semester. Please do **NOT** miss class to meet the requirements after school begins.
- **It's not our fault!** The majority of these requirements are mandated by either the TN Dept of Health, TN Dept of Education, or the health care facilities in which students will be completing their training (not the instructors). Meaning, your instructors do not have the liberty of "waiving" these mandates. Furthermore, if you cannot comply with any of these requirements, you should ask for a schedule change.
- **Transportation.** Parents are responsible for arranging transportation for the off-campus learning experiences. It is best if you have access to your own reliable transportation. There are options for students who do not have their own car, but this will affect which clinical rotations you can participate in. If you do not (or will not) have your own car, please come talk to us.
- **Class/Lab Fees** – Our class/lab fees are \$40.00 (\$25 for Nsg Ed and \$15 for Clinical). This money is used for the large amount of consumable and expensive medical supplies that are required for CNA practice labs and certification testing (such as gloves, hand washing supplies, mouth care and feeding supplies, alcohol wipes, disinfectants, laundry soap, etc.). If you were to take this course at TCAT it would cost you approx. \$1200, so \$40 is not bad. Because testing in our building/lab costs our program money (for supplies used), you **will not be allowed to take your certification exam at MHS** unless the course fees have been paid. These funds also cover your CNA pin, which you will receive if you pass the certification exam.
- **Testing Fees.** The cost of the State Certification test is \$140/student. Maryville City School pays for this through a grant each year. We anticipate this to continue, but it is not guaranteed.
- **Dress Code** - Facility dress code does not allow for more than two piercings (in the ears only) with small post earrings. Nose piercings or other visible piercings of any kind are NOT allowed, and tattoos must be covered at all times. Artificial nails (tips, acrylics, etc.) are also not allowed. Hair color that is not a "natural" occurring color (shades of purple, green, pink, etc.) are not allowed in more than 10% of your hair.

MEDICAL AND PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS

❖ Social Security Card

You **MUST** have your actual social security card, NOT just a copy of it. It cannot be laminated (TN Dept of Health requirement). You will be asked to bring it in to show your instructor early in the semester, locate it and put hands on it NOW. If you cannot find it, you will have to go through the process of getting a replacement through the social security administration. You can find instructions online about how to do this. It takes a few weeks, so please do not wait until the last minute to do this! And do not rely on "oh it's in the file upstairs," or "in the lock box," etc. Go make sure it is in a safe place.

❖ **Driver's License**

You will be asked to bring your driver's license in for verification. The name on the driver's license must match (letter by letter) the name on the social security card. See us if you have questions.

❖ **Proof of Car and Health Insurance**

Students must show proof of car insurance (a copy of what you put in the glove box will suffice). For health insurance, you may bring a copy of your insurance card. IF you do not have health insurance, please let us know. There are options.

❖ **Proof of current BLS for Healthcare Providers Certification (not Heartsaver)**

You must have completed your BLS certification, which was provided in the pre-requisite EMS and Medical Therapeutics courses. You will print a copy of your eCard and bring it to class. If you did not officially certify in Med Ther or EMS or if your certification expires, see us before we leave for summer.

❖ **Background Checks**

Any student >18 yrs of age (or who turns 18 during the semester) will have to complete a background check. It is a pretty simple process online. The cost is \$38. Please hold off on this for now as we are hoping some of the requirements will change. Also, there is a chance that the hospital may help pay for this. More information is forthcoming.

❖ **Medical/Health Requirements** (read carefully)

NOTE: *Prisma Health - Blount applied for and was awarded a grant to help offset some of the costs for students. We do not know what this will look like, but if your insurance does not cover TB tests, feel free to wait and see if there is funding available.*

1. **TB Skin Test**

This requirement and process is a little complicated, so please read these instructions carefully. Please email us if you have any questions. We are glad to help.

- **Option 1 - QuantiFERON® or T-spot blood tests**, drawn within the past year. This is expensive, but if your insurance pays for this, it is the easiest method. It's a simple blood test.
- **Option 2 - Two-Step TB PPD test (this is actually a 4 step process - 2 placements and 2 readings)**, completed within the past year of our clinical rotations. A lot of insurance companies will cover this. The following is the standard process for completing a two-step TB PPD test:
 - **Visit 1, Day 1:** PPD antigen is applied under the skin.
 - **Visit 2, Day 3:** PPD test is read after 48 hrs, but before 72 hrs of placement.
 - **Visit 3, Day 7-21:** a second PPD skin test is applied.
 - **Visit 4, 48-72 hours after placement:** the second test is read.

NOTE: Because you will have to have the test read between 48-72 hours AFTER the initial stick, it **may helpful to schedule the injections on Mon-Wed** (in order to avoid skin tests needing to be read over the weekend, when offices may be closed).

2. Immunizations/Vaccines

You will provide a copy of your immunization records, which should include:

- **MMR** - Documentation of two vaccinations or positive titers. (Titers are a blood draw to test your immunity level.) MMR is not optional.
- **Varicella (c. pox)** - Documentation of two vaccinations or a positive titer. Note: Prisma Health does NOT accept “history of having the chickenpox” as proof of immunity. You must have either two varicella vaccinations or a positive titer.
- **Influenza** – Not usually available until October. There are medical and religious exemption forms available, but they go to a Prisma Health committee. We are not sure how strict they are. If you have concerns, please come talk to us ASAP.
- **Hepatitis B immunization series** – Recommended but not required.
- **COVID Vaccine** – optional (no forms or waivers necessary).

PURCHASES

- ❖ These purchases can wait until your semester starts, but you may want to plan ahead financially. We *strongly recommend that you **keep all receipts and leave tags on purchases*** just in case you change your mind or you have a class schedule conflict.
- ❖ **Wristwatch** - A traditional watch (not digital) with a second hand will be needed for measuring vital signs. You can usually find them for around \$15. *You will NOT be allowed to use your cell phones or smart watches.*
- ❖ **Scrubs** - You will need 2 sets of standard, solid-colored “Rebel RED” scrubs (any full-length style pants and shirt). (You can get by with 1 set if you are going to wash clothes daily. Yuck!) “Rebel Red” is a true red (like the red crayon in the Crayola box, a primary red color), not maroon/orange/coral, or some mix. Scrubs **must fit appropriately in size and length**. You should be able to bend, lift, turn, squat, and so on easily. Be sure you do not walk on the hem of the pants. **TRY THEM ON** before the return window expires. You can purchase from Walmart, Amazon, or Lamberts Uniforms (They are in Knoxville and give good student discounts). The cost is approximately \$40 - \$ 50 for one set. You will be allowed to layer a long-sleeved, solid, t-shirt underneath (for warmth), if you desire. T-shirts should be white, grey, or black. Make sure your scrub top is large enough to fit over a t-shirt.
- ❖ **Shoes** - You need a pair of sturdy, comfortable, and CLEAN athletic shoes. Canvas shoes such as Keds/Vans/Tom’s, etc. are not acceptable. Any color or combo of colors is OK, but please avoid bright or neon colors. Shoes and shoestrings should always be kept clean during clinical. You do NOT necessarily need a new pair of shoes. Hint: 409 cleaner and a scrub brush does wonders for soiled or older shoes, as does simply bleaching/washing or replacing shoe strings!