

Health and Human Services Programs Clinical and Program Requirements

- Students enrolled in a Health and Human Services Program (HHSP) at Northland Community & Technical College participate in clinical training experiences as an essential part of their studies.
- Clinical training includes performing direct patient care through participation in clinical experiences at affiliated hospitals and other healthcare institutions in the region.
- Health and Human Services students must comply with both Minnesota law and clinical facility requirements related to immunizations, TB testing, and background studies.
 - ✓ <https://www.northlandcollege.edu/academics/career-technical-pathways/allied-health-human-services/immunizations-health-screening/>
- **Students are NOT allowed to participate in clinical education experiences without documentation of all COMPLETED requirements.**

Castle Branch Student Cost Summary:

Clinical Requirements Tracker \$55.98

Initial National Background Check \$48.74

MN Background Study Costs \$10.50

Total Initial CB and Background Costs: \$115.22

National Background Check Annual Renewal \$28.99

Total Clinical Requirement Needs Cost \$144.21

What requirements must be completed

IMMUNIZATIONS

<https://www.northlandcollege.edu/files/northland-ahhs-immunizations-guidelines.pdf>

- **Tetanus-Diphtheria (Td or Tdap)** - Healthcare students are encouraged to obtain a full Tdap Vaccine ASAP if they have not had one since **2005** (regardless of when their last Td booster took place)
- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)**
- **Hepatitis B (HBV)**
- **Varicella (chicken pox)**
- **Influenza (must be completed annually)**

** All of these immunizations must be fully completed and up to date. Please be aware that some may take up to six months to complete.

TUBERCULOSIS (Mantoux) Testing and Results

- Upon entering a health and human services program, students must have a baseline tuberculosis (TB screening) and complete the *Individual TB Risk Assessment* form. To satisfy this baseline students must have a negative two-step TB test (TST) OR a negative interferon-Gamma Releases Assay (IGRA) blood test.
- For students who have experienced a positive TB test, they will be requested to provide documentation of the last chest x-ray, along with an annual letter from a healthcare provider indicating they are medically cleared to provide direct patient care. They must also complete the *Individual TB Risk Assessment* form.
- Annually, after initial baseline testing, students must complete TB education and the *Individual TB Risk Assessment* form and have it submitted within 12 months of initial testing. If students answer YES to any of the questions on the risk assessment, they must obtain a letter from a healthcare provider indicating they are medically cleared to provide direct patient care. ****Students enrolled in certain programs may be required to complete annual testing based on clinical sites.****

CPR CERTIFICATION

- You must have current CPR certification which is Basic Life Support (BLS) for Health Care Providers or CPR for Professional Rescuer. The two most common providers of this certification are American Heart Association and The Red Cross.
 - Skills testing component is a required portion of meeting the CPR Certification
- You must upload your current card/e-card.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND STUDIES

- MN Background Study and Fingerprints completed through MN DHS NetStudy 2.0
- National Background study completed through Castle Branch

**** Directions for completing the background studies and fingerprinting will be provided by your program faculty.**

- Any individual who is disqualified from having direct patient contact as a result of either background study, will not be permitted to participate in a clinical placement.
- Failure to participate in a clinical placement required by the academic program will result in the ineligibility to qualify for a degree in the program.

Other forms required

- Signed Clinical Consent Form
- Signed Statement of Understanding and Release (Bloodborne Pathogens)
- Signed Waiver of Liability

Vendor: Castle Branch (CB) Compliance Tracker

- In order to better serve our students and clinical affiliates, NCTC has partnered with Castle Branch to collect data required of our health and human services students. The fee associated with this is a onetime fee.
- <https://portal.castlebranch.com/NV70>
- This is where you enter and upload immunizations, TB information, CPR, MN Background Study and other needed forms.
- Authentic documentation for vaccinations and testing with your name and date of birth on each sheet is required for submission to Castle Branch