Information about the Health Requirements for admission to the Nursing Program

The University recognizes that certain fundamental physical requirements are essential to perform all of the functions of a student nurse. Furthermore, nursing takes place in an environment with common exposure to persons who are ill and with possible exposure to chemical and biohazardous materials. It is important for all health care personnel to practice good health practices and to be as prepared as possible should something occur. Therefore, applicants to the nursing program are required to successfully pass a pre-admission physical examination and a pre-admission drug screen. All students accepted into the program are required to carry health insurance.

I. The Pre-Admission Physical Examination

The pre-admission physical examination must be performed by a licensed care provider. This physical examination includes the documentation of specific immunizations and screens for communicable diseases. These specifics are listed within the physical examination form.

Applicants must use the pre-admission physical examination form provided by the University. This form is specifically written to address the requirements of the functions of a student nurse and it identifies the specific immunizations that are required for a student nurse to participate in the clinical assignments associated with the program.

Applicants may use their family physician, physician of choice, or nurse practitioner.

Applicants are responsible for all expenses associated with the examination and required immunizations.

See policy S-11, Pre-Admission Physical Examination

II. The Pre-Admission Drug Screen

Health care providers must be alert and oriented at all times in order to provide safe care to clients. Applicants to the nursing program must successfully pass a pre-admission drug screen test and students enrolled in the program must agree to random drug testing at any time throughout their participation in the program.

The pre-admission drug screen test will occur on the UPT campus. Applicants will be scheduled for testing through the nursing program office. Applicants must report for testing within 24 hours of notification or their application to the program will be withdrawn. The cost for the drug screen is covered under the Nursing Program application fee.

See policy S-2, Pre-Admission Drug Screening
III. Health Insurance

Applicants accepted into the nursing program are required to show documentation of health insurance throughout the entirety of their participation in the program. Students may use a health insurance carrier of choice. Students are responsible for all expenses associated with their health insurance.