Drug Screen Policy for Pre-licensure Nursing Students
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The University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing & Health Innovation has established policies to be in compliance with our hospital/facility partners’ requirements for clinical experiences. To be eligible to participate in clinical courses, students must provide the following:

- Documentation that all required immunizations are complete;
- Negative random urine drug screen;
- Negative criminal background check (CBC).

Students without these documents are ineligible to begin clinical courses. The urine drug screen must be **completed thirty days prior to the start of clinical** at an approved screening center (provide link to approved vendors). Results are confidential and are only disclosed to the Dean (or designee) and Clinical Coordinator. Students are required to pay for the drug screen. ALL prescription medications must be brought to the appointment in their original bottles when completing the drug screen.

- Students may be required to submit a random drug screen (blood, saliva, or urine) if their behavior in the clinical setting warrants testing. Where and how the student will go to the testing site will be determined by clinical faculty, and students will not be allowed to drive themselves if impaired. Testing must be done same day. Students that refuse or do not show up will be dropped/pulled from clinical.
- Students tested for cause cannot return to clinical until results are returned.
- Students who commit a reportable offense after completing the CBC with the BON may need to file a declaratory order (DO) and receive DO letter to be eligible to return to clinical. These reports are filed in Assistant Dean’s office.
- Students who have positive results on their Group One CBC with or without a DO letter, may be required to complete a random screening each semester they are enrolled in a clinical course, and may be referred to a Rehabilitation Program.