

Required Credentials for Clinical Students

All MS students must have the following requirements **completed** before entry into clinical courses. Note that the criminal background check, child abuse clearance, FBI fingerprint based criminal record check, and drug testing may take up to 8 weeks or more to receive results, and you will not be allowed to practice by the clinical agency while you wait for results. All MS students must also meet clinical agency requirements before being permitted to practice within the agency. Check with your agency for their requirements. Additional credentials may be required.

Clearances

1. Child Abuse Clearance \$10
<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/PartnersProviders/ChildWelfare/003671038.htm>
(and yes, you still need this even if you are an Adult NP student- also required of all CNS students-)
2. PA state police criminal background check \$10
<https://epatch.state.pa.us/RecordCheckEntry.jsp?action=new>
3. FBI fingerprint based Criminal Record check \$36
https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index_dpw.htm

May be available at PSU Police Services

Fingerprinting is available at Hershey Campus (ASB Suite 1401) **by appointment only**. Students must first register online and then contact Karen Saunders (717) 531-0003 x287772 to schedule an appointment. Bring paperwork with ID #, and photo ID.

Finger printing is available at University Park Campus at Police Services, 20 Eisenhower Parking Deck on Monday through Thursday from 4pm to 8pm. No appointment is necessary. Students must first register online with www.cogentid.com/dpw then bring the paperwork with ID # with photo ID to Police Services. Phone is 814-863-1111. See website for more information: <http://www.police.psu.edu/fingerprintservices/>

For a map of additional Cogent Fingerprinting Locations:

https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index_pde.htm

Liability Insurance

Professional malpractice insurance is required for students beginning their clinical rotations.

1. NP student liability insurance. This is not RN liability insurance, note that this is specific for NP students. Online sources: Cotterell, Mitchell & Fifer, Marsh, NSO-Nurses' Service Organization. Student members of AANP-American Academy of Nursing may receive a discount on student NP liability insurance. Check www.aanp.org Cost is about \$250-300 per year for student NPs
2. CNS students must have their own personal RN policy. Cost is about \$89-\$100 per year. Coverage by your employer or homeowner's insurance company is not acceptable.