General Information for New Students

REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING CLINICAL COURSES: As per contractual agreements with our clinical partners, background checks, drug and alcohol testing, CPR certification, and certain vaccinations are required. The background check and drug/alcohol testing requirements are gathered by an outside company named CertifiedBackground.com.

BACKGROUND AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL CHECKS: All students in the School of Nursing are required to have and maintain a clean background and clean drug and alcohol checks. Please see full information about background checks and drug and alcohol testing contained in separate PDFs on the School of Nursing website. Students are admitted to the Program conditionally, pending completion of a clean background check and clean alcohol and drug test results by the deadline date. Background and Drug/Alcohol testing are required each semester. Completion of the drug/alcohol checks can take several weeks, do not wait until July to start your drug/alcohol testing, the results must be in and complete by the submission deadline.

CLINICAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Students will submit the following health requirements to the School of Nursing in the form of one (1) pdf file emailed to the appropriate staff (named in your acceptance letter) along with the Enrollment Checklist (available on our website).

A. Pre-Entrance Health Assessment must be completed on the form provided on our website. This includes, but is not limited to, a physical examination documented and signed by a licensed health care provider which certifies that the applicant is physically and emotionally healthy enough to actively participate in theory and clinical nursing courses.

B. Verified negative TB skin test (Mantoux Test or Quantiferon, NOT Tine Test) or negative chest X-ray report obtained within the past six months. The School of Nursing will not interpret these results. The report submitted by the student must state that the student is negative for TB.

C. Mumps, Rubeola, Rubella: Documentation of two MMR vaccinations or documentation of positive titers (a blood draw rather than an immunization) for each – Mumps, Rubeola (“hard measles”), Rubella (German Measles) which indicates the student is protected against Mumps, Rubeola, and/or Rubella (serologically immune). These are three separate and distinct tests; if any of the titers are "equivocal" or indicate that the student is not protected, immunization and follow-up titers or proof of 2 MMR vaccinations are required by the deadline date. NOTE: It frequently takes 4 to 6 weeks to get titer results back so start on this requirement early. [Pregnancy - You should not receive the Rubella or Rubeola vaccines (MMR) if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant in the next 3 to 4 months. Within two weeks of receiving your acceptance letter, call (208) 426-3789 to make an appointment with Marian Graham to discuss your options BEFORE the deadline.]

D. Varicella (chicken pox): One of the following is required: Proof of 1 vaccination or a positive antibody titer (a blood draw rather than an immunization for Varicella) which indicates the student is protected against Varicella (serologically immune). If the titer is “equivocal” or negative an immunization is required. Documentation that indicates or assumes you had chicken pox as a child is not acceptable.
E. **Hepatitis B vaccinations:** Documentation of having received the three vaccination series for Hepatitis B or a positive Hepatitis B titer. **If you are just starting** the vaccination series, you must have the first vaccination of the series completed before you submit your Intent to Enroll form to the School of Nursing, and complete the second vaccination of the series **no later than the deadline date. You will need to complete all three vaccinations and have a positive titer by December 1.** If you have had a positive titer and do not have proof of the vaccinations, include the positive titer.

F. **Proof of current TDAP** (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) (Not TD) vaccination received within the past 7 years.

G. **Current CPR Certification:** Students entering the Program must have **Health Care Provider CPR** certification cannot expire during the academic year. Class content should include CPR for clients of all ages; ventilation with a barrier device, a bag-mask device, and oxygen; relief of foreign-body airway, and use of an automatic external defibrillator (AED). If you are employed at a facility that provides CPR certification and renewals, you will still have to recertify **by the deadline date** if your card expires before the end of the spring term.

H. **Proof of current health insurance.**

I. **(Do not complete this requirement early!)** **Proof of current seasonal flu vaccination given after September 30, 2015.** This is due by November 1, 2015. The School of Nursing does not allow anyone, without a medically recognized reason, to waive having any vaccination.

NOTE: If you are unable to have any one or more of the vaccinations listed due to pregnancy or other health related issue, you must provide a letter from your physician to confirm your reason for declination AND, if pregnant, a date when you can receive the vaccination. You must also call (208) 426-3789 to make an appointment to see the Marian Graham, and to provide all needed documentation.

**PROFESSIONAL FEES:** When you register for the nursing classes, you will pay a non-refundable professional fee to Boise State University in addition to tuition fees. This lab fee is for, among other things, expendable supplies you will use in your nursing courses. There will be a professional fee each semester you are in the Program.

**EQUIPMENT:** Soon after the Program begins, each student will need a **watch** that indicates seconds (either a watch with a sweep second hand or a digital watch that reflects seconds). Each student will also need a **stethoscope.** (Stethoscopes may be purchased through the Student Nurses Association at orientation.)

**TECHNOLOGY:** Boise State University emphasizes the ability to utilize computer skills along with various software packages in the educational setting. Computer skills needed to succeed in the Nursing Program include word processing and scanning documents along with use of the internet and e-mail. Microsoft Word and Internet Explorer are recommended. Both of these products are recommended for compatibility with the Internet course delivery program, Blackboard, which is used at Boise State University. Students must have an active Boise State University email address. If a student does not have computer or internet access at home, Boise State University provides on-campus computer labs and an e-mail address. The School of Nursing will contact you primarily through your Boise State University e-mail account.

**CELL PHONES:** The faculty recognizes that students may have life circumstances that require availability by cell phone. The faculty also recognizes that cell phones may be a distraction to the classroom setting. If a student must be accessible by phone during a class, the phone should be set to the VIBRATE mode. To avoid disruption of class, students should leave the classroom before talking on the phone or returning a call.

**UNIFORMS:** Information on uniforms can be found on a separate Dress Code document on the School of Nursing website and in the Student Handbook (also available on the website).