

Clinical Clearance Information Fall 2020

All new and returning students need to be cleared for attendance in the clinical setting. This clearance involves meeting both medical and non-medical requirements. Your Medical and Non-medical documents will be reviewed to ensure you meet the requirements to attend clinical at our placement sites. Please note that these requirements are not St. Clair College requirements but requirements of our placement agencies that allow us to come for clinical experience. It's important for you to get started on this process as soon as possible as the medical clearance can often take more than a month to complete.

We are still finalizing the process for clinical clearance document submission in the age of COVID, however, you can still get started on collecting the information.

Please go to the link on your program webpage that says [Clinical Placement Requirements](#), scroll to your program and you will find all the information on the three non-medical clearances you need, and the medical clearance you need.

Under non-medical clearance you will require the following:

- Vulnerable Sector Police Check – annual but maximally within 6 months of your clinical start
- CPR for Health Care Professionals – annual regardless of expiry date
- First Aid – only required for the first semester of your program, does not require renewal annually
- N95 mask fit test – every 2 years or if the shape of your face changes due to weight loss or gain

Under medical clearance, first year students will find the “[Entering Students Pre-Placement Form](#)” that you need to take to your Physician or NP for completion. When you have your medical form completed you can make an appointment with the Health Centre nurse at St. Clair College to have your medical clearance assessed. Every student must connect with the Health Centre Nurse to have this occur. You can call 519-972-2380 in Windsor, or 519-354-9100 Ex. 3800 in Chatham to book your appointment.

Under medical clearance for second year and returning students, you will notice that the only medical requirement is for a one-Step TB skin test. Second year and returning students still must connect with the St. Clair College Health Centre Nurse to have your medical requirements assessed and obtain your card that states you have met the medical requirements.

The Health Centre also offers other health services, for example TB screening, etc. Here is the link to the St. Clair College Health Centre for more information: <https://www.stclaircollege.ca/health-centre> .

Once you have a card stating you have met the medical requirements from the St. Clair College health nurse, you will provide that card, with your non-medical clearance documentation, to our registrar's office to obtain your complete clinical clearance. The registrar's office is currently working on a process to upload your documents directly to the Student Information System (SIS) for electronic review. They hope to provide the process for this by August 21st. It will be updated on the websites and I will update the information in this letter. For now, when you obtain all your documents, just hold on to them until we post the process for submission.

Depending on your program, you will have a different date to have your clearance completed. This is due to the different program deliveries and when you will be heading out to clinical. Please see the table below for your specific program requirements as of today:

Program and semester	Reg office screening of all documents	Dates you go out to clinical
PSW first semester	by Oct 9 th /20	Oct 26/20
PN first semester	by Sept 28 th /20	Oct 19/20
PN third semester	by Aug 31 st /20	Sept 21/20
BScN first semester	by Nov 30 th /20	Jan /21
BScN third semester	by Aug 31 st /20	Sept 21/20

We understand that students may find it difficult to find providers to complete their clinical clearance requirements. There are now several providers offering CPR for HCP and First Aid through a hybrid delivery, which is acceptable. We are still not accepting CPR courses that are 100% online delivery. The following list is not exhaustive, you may find other providers.

Some CPR providers that we are aware of include:

[Second Chance](#)

[Heart and Stroke Foundation](#)

[Canadian Red Cross](#)

[First Aid 4U](#)

[St. John's Ambulance](#)

We are working with our local hospitals and our continuing education department to set up some N95 mask fit dates. When these dates are available, we will let you know.

Lastly, our clinical placement sites may require other pre-screening prior to allowing students to attend the clinical setting. These requirements have not yet been finalized. They may include having a COVID screening test and/or answering a pre-screening survey.

Please check for updates regularly over the course of the summer.

Thanks for your patience in this. Should you have any questions regarding your medical or non-medical clearance please contact either:

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