

**Valdosta State University**  
**College of Nursing**

**Retention Requirements**

1. Students are responsible for reading and abiding by the policies in the College of Nursing Undergraduate Student Handbook, including the Core Performance Standards. The handbook is distributed to students upon admission to the nursing program. Updates to the handbook are communicated to students through the VSU College of Nursing website. The electronic version of the student handbook is available on **College of Nursing Web page**.
2. All students must provide and maintain the following documentation, required for retention in the program. Documentation must be current and on file in the College of Nursing prior to the first day of class each term. It is the student's responsibility to supply this documentation to the Administrative Coordinator.
  - a. Current physical examination (by a medical physician or nurse practitioner) affirming they are free from communicable disease and able to function safely in a clinical environment.
  - b. Documentation must include, but is not limited to MMR (measles, mumps, Rubella), Tetanus toxoid, Varicella titer, Hepatitis B vaccination, and PPD tuberculin test as required by affiliating clinical agencies.
  - c. PPD (tuberculin skin test) is required annually or proof of a negative chest x-ray (every five years).
  - d. Current certification in CPR for health professionals (**completed BLS for Health Care Providers Course from American Heart Association with current completion card**).
  - e. Current malpractice insurance with minimum coverage of **\$1,000,000/\$6,000,000** (upon acceptance and annually thereafter),
  - f. Documentation of university approved health insurance. (Students may request waiver if they have comparable coverage). Additional institutional requirements may exist or may change over time, depending on clinical agency policy.
3. Students' ability to participate in clinical courses requires compliance with rules and regulations of affiliating agencies, which includes criminal background checks. Drug screening may also be required.
  - a. Should results of background checks or drug screening assessments result in the student being displaced from a clinical site, faculty members will make an attempt to relocate the student.
  - b. If no clinical agency will allow placement, the student will be unable to progress in the nursing curriculum and will be dismissed from the program.
4. Strict adherence to the American Nurses' Association Standards of Clinical Practice and the Code for Nursing is required of all nursing students. Failure to comply with these professional standards will result in review and action by the Admissions and Progression Committee, the Assistant Dean and/or the Dean of the College of Nursing and may result in the student's dismissal from the program.