

Clinical Obligations

This policy is an addition to and not a substitution of other Forsyth Tech student policies. To comply with program policies, state, and local regulations for health care providers, and in the interest of your own personal safety, the safety of your patients, and the potential liability to both the college and clinical agency, there are many compliance requirements that must be met in order to enter the clinical education setting.

These policies may be increased or changed, without prior notice, for any additional requirements brought forth by the clinical affiliates. Students may be denied access to clinical facilities based on health screening results, drug screening results, or results which appear on a criminal background check. The student will be responsible for obtaining documents demonstrating that they have met all compliance requirements. If this is not possible or attainable by the required due date(s), the student will be unable to attend the clinical education portion of the program. If a student is not able to meet the program competency requirements due to limited clinical facilities, the student may not be able to complete the course and program successfully, and course and program grading policies will apply.

Students are expected to provide documentation of all clinical compliance requirements to the current online compliance tracking system contracted by the College and meet all deadlines associated with compliance requirements.

All fees associated with the completion of Clinical Compliance Requirements are the student's responsibility.

The following Clinical Compliance Requirements must be met, or the student will not be allowed to enter any clinical setting:

1. Medical Forms and Immunizations

There are significant health screening requirements that must be met before entering the clinical setting. Each student is required to meet vaccination, titer, and physical examination requirements and **MUST** provide all documentation and health screening information through the online compliance tracking system or, if applicable, the appropriate personnel. The specific health screening requirements are listed below:

Required Immunizations for All Students

IMMUNIZATIONS	REQUIREMENTS
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Tdap/Td	Total of 1 vaccination within the last 10 years
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MMR	Total of 2 vaccinations OR Lab report showing positive blood titer results for measles, mumps, and rubella
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Varicella	Total of 2 vaccinations OR Lab report showing positive blood titer
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Tuberculin (TB) Test	Negative results of 2 TB skin tests within the last 12 months (<u>must be administered at least 7 days apart</u>) OR Negative results of 1 serum blood test (ex. QuantiFERON, T. Spot, IGRA) within the last 12 months OR Negative chest x-ray within the past five years for students who have a history of positive skin tests with written evaluation by a healthcare provider for signs and symptoms within the last 12 months if the x-ray is over 1 year old
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Influenza	Annual seasonal influenza vaccination is required in mid-fall/winter.
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Hepatitis B	Total of 3 vaccinations OR Lab report showing positive blood titer
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COVID	Currently is not a requirement but may be reinstated at any time with little to no notice. OR May be added as an annual seasonal vaccination with a due date yet to be determined.
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2. Physical Exam-

- Provide your physical examination form completed and signed by a medical professional.
- The Physical Exam must be completed on the school form provided to the student upon acceptance into the program.

3. Background Check/Drug Screen

Clinical agencies require a criminal background check and drug screen for students assigned to their facility for clinical education. In addition, national and/or state registry and/or licensure boards **may prohibit** eligibility for registry, licensure, or certification based on criminal background records. The background check and drug screen are not a requirement for acceptance to the program and should not be completed until the student receives acceptance to the program. After acceptance into the program, the student will receive information during orientation on how to complete the criminal background check and drug screen. To participate in clinical placement, all students must use the approved online compliance system to complete the criminal background check and drug screen. The clinical agencies review the results and provide clearance to enter the clinical setting.

Background Check/Drug Screening Policy Drug Screening Test Results Policy

Any student who fails drug screening will lose their seat in the program and will be referred for career counseling through the college.

If the failure of the drug screening is due to the following, the student will proceed accordingly:

- Diluted drug screening- The student will have one chance to repeat the drug screening within a given time limit. If the student has a second diluted result, the student will lose their seat in the program.
- Lab error- The student will take another drug screening.

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4. Other Program Requirements

- CPR (Infant, Child, and Adult) – the following is required:
 - **American Heart Association BLS Provider** course
 - CPR must remain current while enrolled in the program. A renewal date will be set based on the expiration date of your card.
- Program Orientation is usually scheduled late May/early June. Attendance is mandatory.

5. Professional Malpractice Insurance

NMT Students will purchase this before the third semester in the program, the deadline for purchase will be communicated at Orientation. Forsyth Technical Community College also maintains medical professional liability insurance.

6. Clinical Compliance

Students must be compliant with all required documentation and submit clinical compliance requirements by required deadline(s) to remain in the program.

Additional Clinical Information

Clinical Assignment Schedule

The program offers clinical education during 3rd, 4th, and 5th semesters. Clinical hours are during the day, typically Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, according to the academic calendar and clinical schedule.

Clinical Education Site Rotations

The program currently uses 9 various clinical education sites in Forsyth, Guilford, Alamance, and Rowan Counties. These clinical sites are made up of major medical centers, hospitals, imaging centers, and physician practices to provide a diverse and well-rounded clinical experience for students. Students will be randomly assigned to all the various clinical sites to complete their clinical education. Assigned clinical education placements will require students to travel to geographically dispersed clinical sites. For student equity no request for clinical placement will be accepted.

NMT PROGRAM CLINICAL EDUCATION AFFILIATES		
CLINICAL AFFILIATE	CITY	APPROXIMATE DISTANCE FROM FORSYTH TECH
Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist – High Point Medical Center	High Point, NC	19
Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist – Main Campus	Winston-Salem, NC	2
Cardinal Heath Nuclear Pharmacy	Greensboro, NC	26
Novant Health-Maplewood Imaging	Winston-Salem, NC	2

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Novant Health-Winston Salem Cardiology-Kimel Park	Winston-Salem, NC	3
Novant Health – Forsyth Medical Center	Winston-Salem, NC	2
W. G. (Bill) Hefner VA Medical Center	Salisbury, NC	40
Cone Health -Wesley Long	Greensboro, NC	28
Cone Health- Alamance Regional Medical Center	Burlington, NC	46