

Bradley University
College of Education and Health Science
Department of Nursing

Policy: Undergraduate Nursing Practicum Requirements

Purpose: To clearly define criteria that all undergraduate nursing major students at Bradley University must meet, to be eligible for participation in practicum experiences.

Policy Statements: The Bradley University Department of Nursing collaborates with local healthcare agencies to offer practicum experiences. The Department of Nursing requires nursing majors participating in practicum to meet all agency requirements and follow all agency protocols. Undergraduate nursing majors who fail to comply with the established practicum requirements will be unable to participate in their practicum experience and will earn a grade of zero for each day missed, until requirements are met.

Practicum Requirements:

1. Students are required to purchase an account with CastleBranch.com. The Bradley University undergraduate nursing student package includes secure data storage and management for immunization records, CPR certification, drug screen results, and the results of a nationwide sex offender background search.
2. Students are required to provide proof of immunity to:
 - Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) (proof of prior immunization or positive titer)
 - Hepatitis B virus (proof of series of three vaccinations or positive titer)
 - Tetanus/diphtheria with pertussis (Tdap) (proof of vaccination within last ten years or booster)
 - Varicella virus (chickenpox) (positive titer)
 - Annual flu vaccination
3. Students must provide proof of completion of either a negative two-step tuberculin skin test administered after April 1st of the semester before their first practicum or provide proof of a negative QuantiFERON-TB test.
4. Students must hold a valid “Healthcare Provider” or “Professional Rescuer” level CPR certification while enrolled in practicum courses.
5. Students must test negative to a voluntary drug screening, provided and completed through CastleBranch.com
6. Students must complete a criminal background check. Background check results sent from the Illinois State Police must indicate a record of no convictions.
7. Students must pay an annual fee, each year they are enrolled in practicum, for student nurse liability insurance. This coverage is offered under a blanket policy carried by the Department of Nursing.
8. Students must carry personal health and hospitalization insurance while enrolled in practicum courses.