

FIU CNHS Physical Therapy Department Clinical Education Requirements

Background Check

Florida International University requires physical therapy students to complete a national background check.

Employment Verification

Florida International University requires physical therapy students to undergo employment verification.

Drug Test

Florida International University requires physical therapy students to undergo drug testing.

FIU uses American DataBank accessible at the following website:

<http://www.fiuexpress.com/>

Immunization

Each student enrolled in a Clinical Education course must have a current physical examination, tuberculosis test (PPD) and updated proof of immunizations. Current means that the test results cannot be older than one year at any time during the clinical experience.

The Physical Examination (Health Screening) may be done through the Student Health Service or a physician of your choice.

Written proof of the following immunizations is **required**:

Varicella (Must have a Titer)

Measles- Mumps- Rubella (MMR) (Must have Titer)

Tetanus (every 10 years)

Diphtheria

Pertussis

In addition, a TB test (ppd) must be done prior to the internship(s), but less than one year prior to the completion of the internship(s). Some facilities require more frequent TB testing. The student is responsible for reviewing the facility information and complying with the appropriate requirements.

Hepatitis B immunization is not required, but is strongly recommended. Those who refuse the Hepatitis B vaccine must sign a statement declining the vaccine.

Some facilities may require other tests, immunizations, drug screening, criminal background checks, or information about citizenship status. The student is responsible for providing the information/required medical tests.

Facilities require that the student carry medical insurance. Student coverage is available through the university Student Health Service and through the American Physical Therapy Association. There is a charge for medical coverage.

The school retains copies of the health information as part of the legal affiliation agreements that we establish with the facilities. It is the student's responsibility to provide information to facilities upon request. Therefore, the student should retain the original copies of the information. These copies will be destroyed upon completion of your final clinical internship.

***Failure to provide the necessary health information to the Physical Therapy Department by the designated time will result in cancellation of the student's internship.

For more information, feel free to visit the FIU health center at: www.fiu.edu/~health

Physical Examination

Physical Examination dates and times will be scheduled through the Director of Clinical Education's office.

For more information on the services provided through FIU, please visit:

<http://www.fiu.edu/~health>

Health Insurance

Health Insurance will need to cover two weeks prior to each clinical internship and be active throughout each internship. Each student will need to have proof of health insurance coverage (health insurance card).

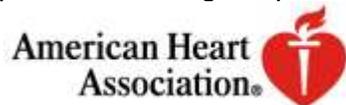
There are many options. Below are two examples:



<http://consumerdirect.bcbsfl.com/wps/portal/cwsales/bic/ourplans/allplans>

CPR

Students must have CPR for health care professional certification to practice in all 4 clinical internships. The following are potential websites that can be used for this purpose:



Professional Liability Insurance

This is provided to all students by the University.

[Certificate of Insurance](#)

Blood borne Pathogens/HIV- AIDS/Domestic Violence/Medical Errors

Physical Therapy students will be required to complete and show proof of certification of the above.

***Additional requirements may be requested by facilities. Students will be notified of the additional requirements prior to their internship.