

CLINICAL COMPLIANCE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS and IMPORTANT FACTS

When do I need a flu vaccine? – Flu shots are **due by October 15th of every year** for the current flu season, i.e. 2018-2019 flu season. Make sure your paperwork is for the current flu season or it will be rejected by CastleBranch. The current season's vaccine is typically available at the end of August or beginning of September each year.

Do I need to complete a background check? – Yes, background checks are required for all students.

What do I do if my drug screen comes back positive for a controlled substance? – If your drug screen comes back positive for a controlled substance, you will be contacted by a Medical Review Officer (MRO) assigned by CastleBranch. They will attempt to contact you by phone 3 times. Due to the confidential nature of the call, they will not leave a voicemail message. They will ask if you are taking prescription medication that may have caused the positive result. If you are, you will need to send the MRO the prescription, or other documentation from your physician, in order for them to review the documents and provide clearance for the drug screen. We will be notified of the positive result if the MRO has not been successful in contacting you. You may not attend classes or clinical rotations if you do not pass the drug screen.

Do I need to list my vaccinations every year for my physical? – No. You only need to complete your physical, PPD test and Flu vaccine annually. All other vaccines are only required to be reported at the time of admissions and as needed if they are going to expire during your matriculation, i.e., Tdap (tetanus).

Why are my Hepatitis B documents being rejected? – The HEPB requirement has several steps. The first step is to submit the documentation of the 3 original doses received as an infant/child and the results of a blood test (titer) confirming that you are still immune. If you are not immune, you will need to repeat the series. Please refer to the Hepatitis B requirement explanation document to clarify the steps and to answer questions regarding rejected documents.

What happens if I am not in compliance? – If you are not in compliance with a clinical health practice requirement, you will not be able to start classes if this is your first enrolled semester. If you are a currently enrolled student and you are not in compliance, you will not be able to attend your clinical rotation and your instructor and the Department Chair will be notified. Students are required to maintain full compliance with the clinical health requirements for the duration of their matriculation. If you miss clinical rotations due to noncompliance, you are at risk of not meeting clinical objectives that may result in course failure, probation and or recommendation for dismissal from the program.