



Clinical Education Information

From day one, it is our job to assist students in maintaining medical compliance throughout their time at the University, including their clinical rotations. USAHS follows the guideline set forth by the CDC and state regulatory guidance: all students must remain in compliance with health policies to enter and maintain enrollment at the University. The Clinical Education department, specifically the Medical Records section, maintains the repository for all medical related documents and follows HIPAA Privacy Rule.

When you are admitted to USAHS, the following are required upon admission:

- **Background Check, Drug Screen, Fingerprinting Report** – Completed through Castle Branch.
 - Some students have listed USAHS as their employer when completing their background check. In doing so, their results have been delayed, so it is important to list your most current employer, healthcare-related or not, as to not delay this requirement.
 - Fingerprints: It is advised to send this with a tracking number via USPS, FedEx or UPS Ground as to ensure delivery.
- **Proof of Physical Exam** – Must be renewed annually.
- **TB Test** – Must be renewed annually.
 - Two-Step PPD (four trips to the clinic for two tests and two reads)
 - Chest X-Ray (only valid with proof of positive TB test) - valid for two years.
- **Hepatitis B Series**
- **Hepatitis B titre (Hepatitis B Surface Antibody)**
 - May be declined by student but may impact future clinical experiences. Declination forms are located on Exxat and must be signed by physician.
- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR):** All three, Measles, Mumps and Rubella titers must show a positive result or provide proof of receiving two sets of immunizations
- **Tdap (Valid only within 10 years)**
- **Varicella**
 - Even if you have had chicken pox, you will still need two vaccinations or a single titer.
- **American Heart Association CPR Certification:** BLS Provider
- **American Heart Association First Aid Certification:** Heartsaver First Aid
 - There are combined courses, but all students require two separate certifications.
- **Proof of Health Insurance**
 - USAHS does not offer healthcare coverage to students. Students are expected to be covered by a health insurance provider by the start of classes and maintain an insurance policy through graduation.
- **Flu Shot** – To be renewed each year no later than October 1.
 - May be declined by student but may impact future clinical experiences. Declination forms are located on Exxat and must be signed by physician.
- The inability to maintain compliance will result in a hold on your student account, Administrative Suspension from the University and subsequent Financial Aid disbursements.

Once admitted to USAHS, your USAHS email will be activated after receipt of your tuition deposit. Following activation of your email account, students will receive an invitation to Exxat - the program used to house all Medical documents throughout the education journey at USAHS.

Clinical Education Information: Common Questions

Q. Do I get to choose where I go for clinical rotations?

A. USAHS students have an opportunity to participate in a student placement survey regarding clinical placement. . The University is unable to guarantee a specific placement site based on location or setting type. The University will evaluate and select appropriate clinical sites based on the student's academic needs and to provide the best educational experience, as well as appropriate authorization/approval of the university and/or program in the applicable location or state. Students should plan on the need to travel and/or relocate for clinical experiences.

Q. When are my medical records due?

A. All medical related items are due in EXXAT according to the communicated deadlines. The Clinical Education Welcome letter is sent prior to the start of the term with a checklist of all the required documents. If a student is not in compliance with the Clinical Education Health Policy a Hold will be placed on his/her file, which will prevent Financial Aid disbursement.

Q. What happens if there is a flag on my background check, drug screen or fingerprinting reports?

A. Your admission is also contingent upon the successful completion of a Criminal Background Check, Fingerprinting and 12-Panel Drug Screen. In the event that any of these screenings result in an unsatisfactory report, your admission will be withdrawn. Depending on the nature of any infraction reported on the background check, you will need to discuss this with your Faculty Advisor, Program Director and/or Clinical Education Department Head on how this will impact your enrollment status and clinical education rotations.