

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Dear Healthcare Students,

We understand you may have questions about becoming vaccinated for COVID-19. To answer some of your questions we put together a [Covid-19 Vaccination FAQ](#) document.

Many of our clinical partners plan to require students to be fully vaccinated in order to enter their facilities beginning this fall. Below is a statement from one of our clinical partners. This statement is being shared with you to provide insight into the reason this requirement is being added for clinical participation.

COVID-19 is a global pandemic and in pandemic and other disease outbreak situations unvaccinated employees may be asked to take extra precautions to protect themselves and our patients- which may include being sent home from work while the pandemic/outbreak persists.

*Students are not employees. For much of the COVID-19 pandemic we and other healthcare organizations shut down our facilities to non-employees/non-patients such as students and visitors. The ability to come into our healthcare facilities to learn is a privilege that we moderate. To maximize the safety of our patients and staff, at this time we are giving preference to students who have been vaccinated and **are not taking unvaccinated students into our student rotations**. We will revisit this when the COVID-19 Pandemic has ended.*

Below is an excerpt from your program's Policy and Procedure Manual which explains that clinical sites have the discretion to deny or remove students from their facilities if they pose a risk.

Students are advised that any and all healthcare facilities associated with NICC may deny admission to or remove any student placed in the facility if, at the discretion of the healthcare facility, the admission of the student or the continued presence of the student would present or continue a risk to the healthcare facility or any of its patients or employees.

IMPORTANT! All nursing and allied health students will be required to submit proof of being fully vaccinated for COVID-19 to CastleBranch for clinical participation. The due date varies by program. Please check CastleBranch for more information. **The consequence of non-compliance is exclusion from clinical sites.**