

Health and Safety Compliance Attestation Guidance

OIG and GSA Verification: The Office of Inspector General (OIG) is a section within the Department of Health and Human Services which maintains a list of persons and entities excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid, and other federal health care programs. The Government Services Administration (GSA) maintains a list of parties and individuals excluded from doing business with the federal government, including healthcare programs receiving federal funding and/or reimbursement.

Given that students and instructors engage in services that are reimbursed by federal health care programs, it is best practice to confirm that they are not on the excluded databases. Any healthcare entity that hires or contracts with an individual/entity on these exclusion lists and is reimbursed directly or indirectly by any federal health care program for services provided by such excluded individual is subject to a variety of penalties, including loss of funding and requirements to return funds. The free databases can be accessed through the following links:

OIG: <http://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/>
GSA: SAM.gov | [Search](#)

- From the **Home** page, select **Search** tab in the upper left (located by the Home tab)
- Select **Domain -> Entity Information -> Exclusions -> Excluded Individual**
- When the prompt requesting the individual's name populates, enter their data and select **Add Individual** (highlighted in green) to search the database.
- If the individual entered does not have an exclusion, "*No Records Found*" will be displayed. If an individual has an exclusion, the record will be noted.
- Website Help Line: 1 866-606-8220.

Current BLS (AHA): Basic life support training from the American Heart Association is required for all clinical rotations in which students may be in direct contact with patients.

Current Health Insurance Coverage: Ochsner LSU Health requires health insurance for all students.

Negative Drug Screen: It is the policy of the institution in accordance with several regulatory agency guidelines to require clinical rotation students to complete a drug screen at a qualified collection clinic. This must be a 10 panel screen or a 9 panel with opioid screen. Any positive results with a valid prescription may be considered negative.

Background Check: Several regulatory agencies who accredit us require completed background checks. Doing so inclusive of the last seven (7) years aids us in ensuring the safety of our patients and employees.

Louisiana Sexual Offender Registry: In alignment with several regulatory and accrediting agencies, any individuals in contact with patients shall be free of sexual offense records in the state of Louisiana in addition to any recorded residences in other states, territories, and tribal lands. The free Louisiana Sexual Offender Registry database can be accessed through the following link: <http://www.lsp.org/socpr/disclaimer.html>

License: Out of state nursing students must have a current Louisiana nursing license in addition to an out of state licenses, if they have been previously licensed, and/or if their current program of study will lead to a change in licensure. All pharmacy students must have record of temporary or better licensure on record. Legal name changes must be submitted to the licensing bodies within 30 days of the change and report to Ochsner LSU Health.

Immunizations: Proof of flu vaccine or declination and proof of immunity from Hepatitis B through a positive titer after a documented vaccine series or a declination after a negative titer are required. 100% remote experiences are exempt from the aforementioned immunization requirements. Documented proof of immunity (in the form of completed vaccination series or positive titer) or declination must be present for Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (chickenpox and shingles). Adherence to safety protocols as defined by Ochsner LSU Health is mandatory.

Tuberculosis Testing: Proof is required of a negative tuberculosis (TB) test or TB Health Screen completed within 12 months of attending clinical activity at an Ochsner LSU Health facility. A program participant with a positive test must provide evidence via physician statement that they are free of symptoms of pulmonary disease with no current signs of active TB.