

## CLINICAL CLEARANCE FAQ

- 1- Why is it important to schedule a physician's appointment during the suggested timeframe?

It is important not to be clinically cleared too early in order for your clearance to maintain validity for the entire academic year.

- 2- How long is clinical clearance valid for?

Clinical clearance is valid for one year. Students in two-year programs will be give instructions on how to obtain clearance prior to senior year orientation. Please keep in mind that the clinical clearance process going into the second year is simpler (less tests involved) and less costly.

- 3- What happens if one is not cleared by the stated deadline?

Please note that there is some leeway with the clearance deadline. Students are encouraged to be cleared by orientation and can always e-mail [clinicalclearance@cahe.edu](mailto:clinicalclearance@cahe.edu) with any questions. However, during orientation, CAHE's Registrar Service Coordinator will review any questions regarding clinical clearance. For late enrollees: we understand that you may need additional time for clearance and are more flexible with the deadline.

- 4- What happens if one does not have prior CPR certification?

Students with no prior CPR certification do NOT need to obtain it on their own. CPR certification is part of the first quarter curriculum and proof of certification should be updated to CastleBranch upon completion.

- 5- For students who do have prior CPR certification- Why is the CPR/BLS certification being rejected when uploaded to CastleBranch?

CPR Certification is part of CAHE's first quarter curriculum. ONLY CAHE CPR/BLS cards are approved in CastleBranch. If you have previously achieved certification, you would still have to redo it in order for the card to maintain validity for the duration of your enrollment.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ONE WILL STILL BE CLINICALLY CLEARED BEFORE OFFICIALLY COMPLETING THE CPR REQUIREMENT/ COURSE at CAHE. THIS WAY, THERE IS NO DELAY IN BEGINNING CLINICAL ROTATIONS.

- 6- Why is my paperwork being rejected?

CAHE needs to see immunity for MMR, Vericella and Hepatitis B. All students must get bloodwork drawn. If bloodwork results comes back positive for all of the above, the student can be cleared once paperwork is uploaded to CastleBranch. If one of the above results comes back negative, the following series of events will likely have to take place:

-Students have to get an initial "booster" upon receiving any negative results. They must then go back in FOUR WEEKS for a Titer to confirm that the booster improved immunity.

IMPORTANT: Students will get medically cleared after submitting proof of the **booster**. However, they will still be responsible for completing the titer requirement afterwards.

- 7- What is the difference between Hepatitis B surface antibody and antigen?

Surface Antibody is to detect antibodies and the lab report should be positive. Surface Antigen is to detect an active infection in an individuals' body and the report should be negative.

Although it is on the required list of lab work, please remind your physician to order BOTH of the above Hepatitis B requirements, as it is sometimes excluded from the list of their requested lab work.

If the results are opposite of what they should be for the Hepatitis B lab work, a booster/titer/ HEP B series will be required.

**IMPORTANT:** Students will get medically cleared after submitting proof of the **booster, or having started the series**. However, they will still be responsible for completing additional requirements/treatment afterwards.

8- Is the flu shot required?

The flu shot is required. Please note that flu season is generally from late August to March. If you are being cleared outside of flu season, you can hold off on getting the flu shot until it becomes available.

9- Which drug test option should be selected in LabCorp?

The "Employment Drug Testing" should be selected. Please visit <https://www.labcorp.com/> to find a nearby LabCorp location to schedule your drug screening:



10- How do I upload documents?

Supporting documentation must be a scanned PDF, NOT a picture. For a free scanning app for your phone view the link: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/us/en/acrobat/mobile-app/scan-documents.html>

11- Once my paperwork is uploaded to CastleBranch, how long does it take to officially be clinically cleared?

Generally, the process takes up to 3-4 business days if all paperwork is submitted in a timely manner.

12- What do I do if I have additional questions pertaining to the clinical clearance process?

All clinical clearance questions/concerns should be e-mailed to [clinicalclearance@cahe.edu](mailto:clinicalclearance@cahe.edu) with your name in the Subject line.

**The above information is available electronically by visiting <https://www.cahe.edu/faq>**