**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

**How do I get my NSU student ID badge?**

You will be able to obtain your ID badge during Orientation. Or you can request the Student ID ahead of time by going to this web page: <http://www.nova.edu/resources/nsuidentity.html>

**How do I get my NSU student parking pass?**

You will be able to obtain your Student Parking sticker during Orientation. Once you have your Shark ID and email login/password, you also can register up to 2 vehicles ahead of time by going to this web page: <https://novapark.nupark.com/v2/Portal/Login?ReturnUrl=%2Fv2%2FPortal>

If you don’t get a chance to do this, do not worry we will take care of this during Orientation.

**Is there a dress code or a uniform?**

Once in the program, you will be required to always wear a white lab coat and program-specific scrubs. Our program color for scrubs is Royal Blue. All College of Health Care Sciences students enrolled in on-campus programs are required to purchase two lab coats and a minimum of four program specific scrub sets.

**Classroom dress code:** white lab coat and professional business attire, or program specific-colored scrubs with a white lab coat. Until you obtain your scrubs, business-professional attire is required.

**Lab dress code:** gray t-shirt, either plain of all markings or with NSU or program specific logo, with navy blue athletic style shorts will be required while in the Cardiovascular Sonography laboratory. Shoes for Lab sessions must be closed-toe, white, blue or black, athletic or work-style shoes; no bright colors or open toed shoes are permitted in the Lab

Information regarding the purchase of program-approved scrubs at a discount, from a specially selected vendor will be provided at Orientation. Pricing of the scrub sets will vary based upon the style you choose but will include an institutional discount. Please plan on budgeting approximately $150 for your scrubs. Other vendors may be used, but if the color is not correct, you will not be permitted to wear the scrubs.

You will be given a chance to try on sample sizes and place orders for the lab coats. They are ordered via the NSU Bookstore. Lab coats include the program specific patch and embroidery, at a cost of approximately $ 50 each. Payment will be due when you place your order. Ordering Information is here: <https://nsu.fashionsealhealthcare.com/>

**How do I register for classes?**

The Cardiovascular Sonography Program has a lock-step curriculum. For every semester you will all take the same courses and will be provided detailed registration instructions. There is no “competitive registration”, you will always have a seat in the classes you need. We will take care of registering you for the first term during Orientation.

**How do I order my books?**

A booklist for summer semester will be made available at the Orientation web page: <https://healthsciences.nova.edu/healthsciences/cardiovascular/orientation.html>

Check the NSU bookstore for availability at <https://nsubooks.bncollege.com/course-material/course-finder> and/or order from the on-line retailer (e.g. Amazon, etc.) of your choice, just be sure to use the ISBN’s and get the correct edition.

PLEASE NOTE: There are a small but important group of textbooks required for all core sonography courses. Please plan to purchase these texts, as they will be used throughout the program and on into your new career. Depending on the course and instructor, we often do not “teach from the book” but the texts are always extremely valuable to you as sources of information in every course. Please DO NOT try to get by without purchasing your texts! Without exception, students who end up in trouble academically are those who do not purchase or worse, do not use their texts.

**Is a background check required?**

Yes, a criminal background check is required prior to beginning the program. **This must be completed before Orientation**. Additional instructions on setting up online access to the Castle Branch background check service will be emailed to you after you are fully accepted into the program. An initial drug-screening is also a program requirement. NSU is a zero-tolerance institution regarding illegal drugs, including the use of “medical marijuana”.

 Information about setting up your profile and getting the background check and drug screen done will be sent to you. You may also be required to complete additional background check and/or drug screening prior to entering your first clinical site, per individual site requirements.

**What immunizations are required?**

At this time, NSU will require all students, faculty, and staff to have a COVID-19 vaccination prior to coming on-campus in the Fall of 2021. Further details are pending, including provisions for exceptions based on religious or medical reasons. Additionally, individual clinical sites may require COVID-19 vaccination.

At a minimum, the following standard immunizations will be required before your first clinical rotation in :

* varicella (chicken pox)
* measles
* mumps
* rubella
* Hepatitis B
* Tuberculosis
* tetanus

If you already have documentation that you have received any of the immunizations above, you may bring it with you to Orientation. You will document your Immunizations via the Castle Branch online service. Additional information will be sent to you regarding creating your online profile for this service.

**Do I need to have health insurance, or liability insurance?**

NSU does require all students to have health insurance. You can enroll during Orientation. If you prefer to use your current personal health insurance, you must provide proof of coverage to waive enrollment and opt-out of the NSU student insurance plan. If you do not complete a Waiver you will be automatically enrolled and charged to your student account.

For information: <http://www.nova.edu/smc/health_insurance.html>

Liability insurance will be required during all clinical rotations and is provided by NSU at no cost to students in clinicals.

**What are the computer recommendations?**

All students are required to have access to a computer or laptop device suitable for heavy word-processing and multi-media use (streaming video, virtual meetings, etc.).

YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLETE ALL REQUIRED COURSEWORK ON HANDHELD DEVICES SUCH AS TABLETS OR YOUR PHONE.

A PC or Apple equivalent with the latest currently supported Microsoft or Apple operating system and MS-Office or Apple equivalent software. Multi-processor, terabyte-level storage, access to cloud-based storage, high-speed internet and wireless connectivity, and multi-Mb memory (RAM) are required. If you do not own one, several computer labs are available to you on campus.

**Other useful Information:**

For information about valuable NSU student resources, please go to <http://www.nova.edu/chcs/studentaffairs/index.html>

and also to

<https://www.nova.edu/tampa/about/index.html>

An amazing 2-level Fitness Center is available at the Tampa Bay Regional Campus, open whenever the building is open, typically 7 am to Midnight. There is also a great Food Court area at the Tampa Bay Regional Campus, including a Starbucks. A self-serve/self-pay snack and beverage kiosk area is available on the second floor. There are also several student lounges equipped with refrigerators and microwaves.

For directions to the Tampa Bay Regional Campus please go to:

<https://www.nova.edu/tampa/about/directions.html>

Area hotels are listed here (please select “Clearwater” from the dropdown menu):

[https://www.nova.edu/travel/hotels.html](https://nam01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nova.edu%2Ftravel%2Fhotels.html&data=02%7C01%7Cyoders%40nova.edu%7C6d7452c9f9694eb270ea08d7a6b0f40e%7C2c2b2d312e3e4df1b571fb37c042ff1b%7C0%7C0%7C637161151244249380&sdata=2r%2B6JESAbo9QbhDJ2ubgZvpoztAHGBkfOWinW%2BwPvQ0%3D&reserved=0)