**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

**How do I get my NSU student ID badge and parking pass?**

You will be able to obtain both 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>

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

Once in the program, you will be required to wear a white lab coat at all times. All College of Health Care Sciences students enrolled in on-campus programs are required to purchase two lab coats and four program specific scrub sets.

**Classroom dress code:** white lab coat and professional business attire, or program specific colored scrub set with a white lab coat.

**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 $ 42.38 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 each semester you will be provided detailed registration instructions. There is no “competitive registration” and you will always have a seat in the classes you need.

**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/shop/nsu/page/find-textbooks> and/or order from an on-line retailer of your choice, just be sure to use the ISBN’s and get the correct edition.

**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.

You may also be required to complete another 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.) 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.

**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)