Dear Allied Health Student:

As you embark on your journey toward becoming a health care professional, there are several steps that you must take to begin coursework in your field.

The nature of health care involves direct care, access to patient information and organizational data. Hospitals and health care agencies throughout Northeast Ohio where students go to practice in the field (clinicals) mandate that certain requirements be met.

Lakeland’s health program curricular criteria and academic standards for course and program achievement require that students complete clinical assignments and training at clinical sites. In accordance with our clinical affiliations, all students present at a hospital/clinical affiliation site must complete a criminal background check and drug screen. A criminal record and/or a positive drug screen may make you ineligible to participate in a clinical assignment. The resulting reports will be disclosed to field placement agencies, hospitals and clinical sites. Any and all cost associated with the aforementioned screenings will be borne by the student. Further, all fees paid for criminal record checks and/or drug screenings are nonrefundable.

Failure to comply with procedures will result in termination of program sequencing and dismissal from the nursing and allied health degree programs or certificates.

The following pages outline action items that you must take and complete before you can be fully cleared to begin or continue health technology program classes.

Wishing you a successful college experience,

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All allied health and nursing students are required to complete a criminal background check (Bureau of Criminal Identification & Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprints) and drug screen (10 panel) urine test.

You must prepay for the background check and drug screen services before you have the services performed.

If you fail or drop from any program and re-enroll into same program or another program in allied health and nursing, you will be required to do another background check and drug screen to be current in that program each time a change is made.

Current students may need to complete an additional background check and drug screen if they have been out of the program for longer than one year. Background check and drug screen needs to be current while enrolled in all programs and/or certificate programs.

The student bears all costs for the background check and drug screen initial tests and retests.
BACKGROUND CHECK PROCESS:

If you have an infraction (known as a “hit”) in your background, it is recommended that you have the background check done as soon as possible as it may take several months for the State of Ohio to process your information.

Once a background check has been completed, all records will be identified and verified through the court where the record originated. This process may take a couple of months depending on the location of the court. A Corporate Screening investigator researches infractions and provides Lakeland with a final report. Results are reported as: “Complete” or “Alert” and will be noted in myLakeland through the health records per your own login.

If a student receives an “Alert,” an appointment must be set up with the dean of health technologies. The dean will discuss the results of the background check and provide a list of disqualifiers/convictions and a copy of the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

A “Pre-Adverse” letter is reviewed and signed by the student and dean confirming that all information has been reviewed, and the alert information may make the student ineligible to participate in a clinical assignment.

The student bears all costs for background check and drug screen tests and retests.

To Register for the BACKGROUND CHECK:

Before Starting:

- Your Lakeland email is REQUIRED (Example: jsmith2@mail.lakelandcc.edu).
- You must be near a printer to print necessary forms for fingerprinting.
- Have a credit card ready to pay; you will be prompted to pay on the website (Visa, MC, American Express, Discover).
- The cost for the background check is $66.

Getting Started:

1. Visit this website: VerifyStudents.com
2. Click on the RED BOX “Students Start Here”
3. In the box labeled “Get Started by entering your promotional code” enter lakelandbg and then click on the green “Continue” button
4. Create your account
5. Click “Register”
6. Print the authorization form (Fig. 1)
After completing online process:

- Bring **fingerprint control form** (Fig. 1) and government-issued photo ID to Lakeland's **administration offices in the health building**, room H-167. Hours and days available are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m..

  If you are unable to come on any of those days/times, you can go to Corporate Screening's office, 16530 Commerce Court, Middleburg Heights, Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. with no appointment needed, or from 5–7:30 p.m. by appointment only (call 1.800.229.8606), to complete the process.

- Also please remember to bring your **fingerprint control form** (Fig. 1) and a government-issued photo ID.

- PLEASE NOTE: If you have any technical questions, call Corporate Screening’s customer support at 1.800.229.8606, and choose option 4.

Fig. 1 Sample fingerprint control form

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**Viewing the status of your background:**

- Visit [VerifyStudents.com](http://VerifyStudents.com). Click on “Login/Report Retrieval,” enter your login information, and the site will let you know if your background is pending or complete.

- Once your background is complete, you may save or print your report. (No need to send to Lakeland—the college automatically receives the report.)

*Please note that this information is for the sole purpose of background screening for this college only. Unauthorized use of our service is prohibited.*
DRUG SCREEN PROCESS:
If you are currently on medications, please call the collection site that you chose before having your drug screen completed to ask what proof of your prescription the collection site needs (some sites require a doctor’s note, others may want you to bring the prescription bottle along with you.

If a drug screen report comes back “negative dilute,” you will be required to have another drug screen performed. The student bears all costs for initial tests and retests.

If your drug screen report comes back “positive,” you will have one more additional opportunity to retest. All costs incurred by the student.

On the retest:
• if “positive” result – student is no longer eligible for a health program and/or certificate
• if “negative dilute” result – student is required to do another drug screen at the student’s cost.

If your drug screen comes back “positive” for a prescription you are on, and you did not bring your prescription bottle to the site or a letter from your doctor, you will need to contact Corporate Screening Customer Support at 1-800-229-8606 (choose Option 4) to let them know what happened and they will go through what to do next. It is possible you may have to do the test again at your cost. That is why it is important to call the site ahead of the test to verify what to do if you have a prescription.

To Register for the DRUG SCREEN
This self-schedule tool allows students to quickly locate an approved drug screening collection site and schedule their drug screening appointments online.

Before Starting:
• Your Lakeland email is REQUIRED (Example: jsmith2@mail.lakelandcc.edu)
• You must be near a printer to print necessary forms for the drug screening test.
• You will only have three (3) business days to complete your drug screening test.
• Have a credit card ready to pay. You will be prompted to pay on the website (Visa, MC, American Express, Discover).
• The cost for the drug screen is $45.
Drug Test

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**Fig. 2 Sample authorization form**

**After completing online process:**

- Bring a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver’s license, and your Authorization Form.
- **Please call ahead and to confirm what hours the collection site is open.**
- If you have any technical questions, call customer support at 1.800.229.8606 and choose option 4.
- Do not over drink water before the test. If the results come back negative dilute, it means you have too much water in your system and you will have to repeat the test and pay again at the student’s cost.
- Please call the lab you are going to use, to see what their hours are on the day you plan to go.

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If you have any questions, contact Paula Pastor-Hinkel at 440.525.7009 or PPastor-Hinkel@lakelandcc.edu.
Important Phone Numbers

For background check and drug test questions:
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For Corporate Screening:
Customer Support
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For Health Questions:
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