Commonly Asked Questions Regarding ASN Orientation Packet:

Do I have to complete my CPR course/training in Bradford?

**Answer:** No, you do not have to complete your CPR training in Bradford. You may complete in your local area. The American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) for Health Care Providers course is required. This provides certification in adult, infant, child, 2-rescuer CPR, and the use of the AED. The BLS course must contain a written test and hands-on [manual] training. **On-line courses will not be accepted for this requirement.**

If I live outside of Pennsylvania, do I still need to complete the Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check?

**Answer:** Yes, you do need to complete the Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check. In addition, you must complete the criminal record check for the Non Pennsylvania Resident. (for a total of 4 clearances if you are out of state). Please be aware that the process can take up to 12 weeks to complete. You should plan accordingly in order to meet the stated deadlines for the submission of your forms to the Department of Nursing.

Can I submit a “Volunteer” Clearance? These are free.

**Answer:** No, you may not submit any volunteer clearances. The clinical facilities will NOT accept them. This means you will not be able to attend clinical experiences.

Do I need to print and submit a copy of my HIPAA training certificate?

**Answer:** Yes, you do. Please retain a copy for your records.

Should I submit the original documents (health form, etc.) or a copy?

**Answer:** Please submit a clear/readable copy. Please retain the original for your records. You will need it!

What does a titer mean?

**Answer:** A titer checks for immunity to a specific virus. For example, the Varicella Titer checks for immunity to the Varicella Virus (Chicken Pox).
What if my titer does not indicate that I am immune to a specific virus?

*Answer:* Your health care provider will do one of two things. He/she will either administer a “booster” vaccine or he/she will restart the vaccination series. (This may be two or three injections depending on the vaccine).

What happens if I submit my initial health requirement form without the dates of my immunizations or titers?

*Answer:* Failure to submit your forms without all of the required information will delay your eligibility to attend clinical. The dates need to be filled in on the form. Please do not attach copies of immunization dates.

What if I recently had a 2-step Tuberculin Skin Test (Mantoux is required)?

*Answer:* You may provide the dates and results for your 2-step TST as long as Step 1 is within 11 months of starting the program and Step 2 is within 3 months of starting the nursing program. **They must be at least 7 days apart.**