

Dear Practical Nursing Students,

Re: Synergy Maskfit Update

Please be advised that any students in the PN PNFL PNIE PNPW programs from semester 1 - 4 will need to provide proof of their N95 mask fit test completed through any mask fit provider.

If students do not provide this when they book their ERV appointments, a fail status will be issued and students will have to book a follow-up appointment through Synergy. Failure to obtain a PASS in Synergy will result in being removed from your placement.

Mask fit test certificates will now be accepted from outside of Lakeridge Health. The following conditions **must** be met:

- a. Students must only be tested on 8210, 8110S, 1804, 1804S or 1870+ models.
- b. Fit testing must have been completed within the previous 2 years.
- c. Students must be clean-shaven throughout their placement. Note that religious/medical exemptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must be accompanied by supporting documentation from a religious leader or physician, respectively. In these cases, individuals will be excluded from situations requiring N95, as determined by the supervising staff.

If the above conditions have not been met, students are required to complete a fit test at Lakeridge Health prior to starting placement.

If you have a valid N95 mask fit test certificate that is NOT from Lakeridge Health and meets the above criteria, you may upload this to Synergy and it will be accepted.

If you do not have a valid N95 mask fit test certificate you are now able to book an independent mask fit test with any mask test provider, following the criteria above.

Maskfit testing **MUST** be completed before you are cleared to begin placement. Please book this asap.

Please be aware that you will not be able to attend clinical placement at Lakeridge Health if this is not completed.

Thank you for your time.

Faculty of Health Sciences

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