

Safety Training for Lab Interns | Lab Volunteers

NSU embraces interns and volunteers to work in the laboratory spaces, and we want them to be kept safe. Below outlines guidance and training information.

- √ Review the NSU Policy: <https://www.nova.edu/hr/volunteer-service/university-volunteer-service-policy.html>
- √ Review steps outlined by Human Resources (HR) Office: <https://www.nova.edu/hr/volunteer-service/index.html>.
- √ Contact EHS at ehs@nova.edu for the Required Training (see below) after HR information is submitted.

Minors: Must complete the [parental consent form](#) for minors under the age of 18 and the level 2 background screening for those who will be tasked with supervising the minor.

Volunteers.

Volunteers are strictly prohibited from the following activities:

- Working with infectious or potentially infectious agents including human blood, animals, or insects in a laboratory or clinical setting.
- Working with or exposure to hazardous materials.
- Operating heavy equipment or machinery, including vehicles.
- Working with hazardous equipment (e.g. chainsaws, welding equipment) including hazardous stored energy (e.g. steam, electricity, hydraulics).
- Serving in any capacity aboard a University's research vessel.
- Entering into any contract or agreement on behalf of the University and/or representing him/herself as an NSU employee.
- Any activity considered inappropriate for a University employee.

REQUIRED TRAINING

Volunteers and Interns must obtain **Safety Certificates**. An NSU email account is required to access the online courses. Follow the directions below for self-enrollment.

- Log-In to SharkLink: [Login | Nova Southeastern University](#)
- Click on "View All Applications".
- In the new page, click on the circled "i" under the Canvas icon.
- Scroll down and locate the Student / Staff / Self Enroll Classes box. **Be patient** and allow the classes to load. **This may take several minutes**.
- Select the course depending on what you will be working on:
 - **Health Professions Students** – Click on the ‘**Safety Module for Clinic Employees**’. Go to Canvas and take “**Hazard Communication**”.
 - **Research and Teaching Lab Staff** – Click on the ‘**Employees Safety Modules for Lab Users**’. Go to Canvas and take “**Laboratory Safety in Research and Education**”.

Interns and volunteers typically do not handle chemical lab waste or work in BSL-2 labs. If an exception is granted, contact EHS at ehs@nova.edu for additional training.