



SCHOOL OF NURSING

Student Health Requirements

The School of Nursing requires copies of the following for participation in the clinical setting. Without all the health requirements properly documented, you will not be permitted in the clinical setting. All health requirements may change over the course of time depending on the clinical sites requirements. The School of Nursing will keep you informed of those changes as they occur.

Health criteria

The following must be renewed or given annually, beginning with the students' initial clinical nursing course:

Tuberculin Test

- A Tuberculin Skin Test (PPD), two step process, is required at the entrance into the Nursing Program. The first PPD is administered and read within 48-72 hours AND a second PPD is administered and read within 1 to 3 weeks from the initial PPD.
- Students beginning their second to fourth year of the Nursing Program only require one PPD (annually), after a two-step PPD history has been established.
- It is recommended that the initial PPD be performed by itself. If live vaccinations are needed, (e.g. Varicella or MMR) in order to complete your vaccination requirements, they may be administered at the same time of the second PPD.
- For students with a previous "positive" PPD test, a copy of his/her most recent Chest X-Ray (CXR) is required along with a TB Annual Review Form completed and signed by a Healthcare professional. Thereafter, a TB Annual Review Form is required until completion of the Nursing Program.

CPR Certification

Valid CPR Health Care Provider certification is required through American Heart Association and must be renewed annually or biannually throughout the clinical nursing program.

Immunizations

In addition to the CPR and tuberculin test annual certifications, each student must provide evidence (only once) of immunity against the following diseases:

Hepatitis B – Documentation of immunity by either:

- Series of three (3) injections of Hepatitis B vaccine given over a 6 month period, **or**
- Written evidence from physician or laboratory of hepatitis titer indicating immunity

Influenza - this requirement will need to be completed annually during the flu season.

- Written evidence from physician or clinic of the receipt of the season influenza vaccination.
- Submission of the *Declination of Influenza Vaccination* form.

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella – Documentation of immunity by either:

- Written evidence from a physician or clinic of the receipt of two (2) MMR vaccines **or**
- Written evidence from a physician or laboratory of titer indicating immunity.

Rubella Titer – This requirement is for all female nursing students of childbearing age.

- A positive rubella titer is evidence of immunity. If the student tests negative or equivocal, a follow up MMR shot must be administered.

Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)

- One dose of Tdap is required as evidence by written documentation of vaccination via physician or healthcare clinic.
- After receiving Tdap, a booster of Td is needed every ten (10) years routinely, unless an injury warrants vaccination sooner.

Varicella (Chickenpox) – Documentation of immunity by:

- Laboratory of a positive varicella titer indicating immunity; **or**
- 2 vaccinations at least 4 weeks apart.