



Student Health Requirements

The Nursing Department 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 are subject to change over time, depending on the clinical site's specific requirements. The Nursing Department will keep you informed of those changes as they occur. Often, declination forms are allowed, but they must be completed and kept on file to meet the requirement. The acceptance or declination forms are based on the clinical facility's requirements and may change. Students are required to disclose to their course instructor and clinical instructor when a declination is in place

Health criteria

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

Tuberculin Test:

- A Tuberculin Skin Test (PPD), **a two-step process**, is required at the entrance into the Nursing Program. The first PPD is administered and read within 48-72 hours, and the second PPD is administered and read within 1-3 weeks of 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 required (e.g., Varicella or MMR) to complete your vaccination requirements, they can be administered at the same time as 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 from the American Heart Association is required 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 a physician or laboratory of hepatitis titer indicating immunity

Influenza - This requirement must be completed annually during the flu season.

- Written evidence from a physician or clinic of the receipt of the seasonal 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 a 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 evidenced by written documentation of vaccination via a physician or healthcare clinic.
- After receiving Tdap, a booster of Td is needed routinely every ten (10) years 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

Covid – Documentation of vaccination or declination form

- While the vaccination is not required by OKWU, some clinical facilities do require vaccination, and alternative clinical sites may need to be arranged accordingly.