IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The following immunizations are **REQUIRED** by the JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing Student Health Policy and **must** be completed one week prior to the first-class day of the semester. According to the Texas Administrative Code (2016), nursing students must have all of the following vaccinations before they engage in direct patient contact:

1. **TUBERCULIN SCREEN (ANNUALLY):**
   a. Date tested either TB skin test or Interferon Gamma Release Assay [IGRAs] (Must be current for the entire semester).
   b. Results*
      *Note: If TB screen is positive, your Primary Care Provider must submit a statement concerning your current health status. If chest x-ray done, attach copy of the report.

2. **POLIO:** Not required if older than 18 years of age.
   a. Date of last oral dose
   OR
   b. Exempt by age

3. **TETANUS/DIPHTHERIA/PERTUSSIS:** An initial series of DTaP required with a Tdap booster documented after the age of 11 or 12 years, then a Td booster every 10 years.
   a. Proof of initial series
   AND
   b. Date of Tdap booster
   c. Date of last Td

4. **MEASLES:**
   a. Dates of 2 immunizations*
      *All individuals born on or after January 1, 1957, must show 2 doses of measles vaccine administration on or after their 1st birthday and at least 30 days apart.
   OR
   b. Confirmed immunity by serologic testing OR
   c. Confirmation of the disease from healthcare provider or official school records OR
   d. Written waiver or letter from primary care provider stating medical reason for exemption

5. **MUMPS:**
   a. Dates of 2 immunizations*
      *All individuals born on or after January 1, 1957, must show 2 doses of measles vaccine administration on or after their 1st birthday and at least 30 days apart.
   OR
   b. Confirmed immunity by serologic testing OR
   c. Confirmation of the disease from healthcare provider or official school records OR
   d. Written waiver or letter from primary care provider stating medical reason for exemption

6. **RUBELLA:**
   a. Date of last immunization
   OR
   b. Confirmed immunity by serologic testing
   OR
   c. Confirmation of the disease from healthcare provider or official school records
   OR
   d. Written waiver or letter from primary care provider stating medical reason for exemption
7. VARICELLA:
   a. Dates of 2 immunizations  
   OR
   b. Confirmed immunity by serologic testing  
   OR
   c. Confirmation of the disease from healthcare provider or official school records  
   OR
   d. Written waiver or letter from primary care provider stating medical reason for exemption

8. HEPATITIS B:
   a. Dates of 3 immunizations (primary series)  
   AND  
   Laboratory confirmed immunity by serologic testing*

   *If the serologic testing (blood test) is negative immunity, then the student must:
   • Take one booster dose or Repeat a 2nd series (3 immunizations)
   • If, after repeating the Hep B series or Booster, immunity is not attained, the requirement has been met  
   OR
   b. Confirmed immunity by serologic test*  
   OR
   c. Written waiver or letter from primary care provider stating medical reason for exemption

9. INFLUENZA VACCINE (ANNUALLY):
   a. Due by October 15 each fall semester  
   OR
   b. Written waiver or letter from primary care provider stating medical reason for exemption.

Reference

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INFLUENZA VACCINATION POLICY

All students enrolled in the LU undergraduate nursing programs are required to submit documentation of having received the influenza immunization. The documentation is due to the Information Center by October 15 each year.

Students beginning the program in the spring will be expected to have their influenza vaccine prior to the first class day. In subsequent fall semesters after the initial spring admission, proof of this vaccine will be due by October 15 each year.

Students requiring an exemption due to medical (such as allergy) or religious reasons must present documentation to that effect. (Students must present requests for exemption to the Director of Undergraduate Nursing Studies.)

Students with an exemption will be required to wear a mask in patient areas during the peak of the flu season or for the length of time required by the practicum facility. Some facilities will not permit students, including students with an exemption, to attend practicum without an influenza immunization. If another practicum site cannot be secured, students with an influenza exemption will need to withdraw from the related didactic and practicum courses.

Enforcement

Current students who fail to submit documentation by October 15, will not be allowed to attend practicum, will receive an unexcused absence for one missed day, and placed on a contract. A second missed day for this reason would result in violation of the contract, resulting in possible course failure.

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