

FACULTY OF NURSING

Immunization Requirements for All Nursing Students

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Purpose

- 1** The purpose of this operating standard is to:
 - a) ensure compliance with the Faculty's contractual obligations with various practice partners by verifying that all Nursing Students have received the necessary vaccinations and tests.
 - b) ensure the safety of Students and clients/patient.

Scope

- 2** This operating standard applies to all Nursing Students.

Definitions

- 3** In this operating standard:
 - a) "Faculty" means the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Calgary (Calgary Campus).
 - b) "Student" means Undergraduate or Graduate student enrolled in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Calgary (Calgary Campus).

- c) “Immunizations” refer to the immunizations required for health care workers/students as set out in the AHS document “Standard for Immunization of Post-Secondary Health Care Students and Students in Other High-Risk Occupational Programs”.
- d) “Tests” refer to specific tests required for health care workers as set out in the AHS document “Standard for Immunization of Health Care Workers”.
- e) “HSPnet” refers to a comprehensive web-based system for managing practice education in the health sciences.

Standard/Practice **4** **4.1** In accordance with the Faculty’s contractual obligations with practice partners, Students are required to have the following Immunizations and Tests completed.

Immunizations

- Tetanus
- Diphtheria
- Pertussis
- Polio
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Hepatitis B
- Influenza (strongly recommended)
- Varicella (if needed)
- COVID (strongly recommended)

Tests

- Mantoux
- Hepatitis B blood test
- Varicella (if needed)
- Chest x-ray (if needed)

4.2 If Alberta Health Services guidelines change, throughout the Student’s program, Students may require updated or additional Immunizations and Tests.

4.3 Accommodations may be made for valid, documented medical and/or religious reasons.

Responsibilities **5** **5.1** The Immunization Program Coordinator:

- a) meets yearly with Communicable Disease (AHS) to ensure that no changes have been made to the Standard.
- b) updates Immunization Worksheet and requirements as necessary.

- c) verifies that each new Student has submitted the immunization worksheet and supporting documents, following-up with any Students who has outstanding requirements.
- d) enters proof of Immunizations and Tests into HSPnet. [Upon graduation, confidentially destroys all records received from students.]
- e) notifies the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs, if a Student is deficient any required Immunizations or Tests.
- f) advise the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs Office to block course registration for any Student who is non-compliant until such time as proof is presented.
- g) tracks proof of seasonal influenza and COVID immunizations.
- h) provides reports and data in the event of an outbreak.

5.2 It is the Student's professional and ethical responsibility to:

- a) submit proof of Immunizations and Tests in a timely manner as designated by the Undergraduate / Graduate office. Original copies must be retained by the student as the Faculty, University or employers may require these documents at a future date.
- b) arrange for any Immunizations or Tests that they are deficient and submit proof of completion to the Immunization Program Coordinator.

5.3 The Associate Dean, Undergraduate or Graduate Programs (or Designate) will:

- a) meet with any Student who is non-compliant to discuss implications pertaining to ongoing clinical placements

Related Policies	6	OPERATING STANDARDS AND PRACTICES FN006: FACULTY OF NURSING, Immunization Requirements for All Faculty Members
Related Information	7	AHS Immunization Program Standards Manual, Immunization of Special Populations, Standard for Immunization of Post-Secondary Health Care Students and Students in Other High-Risk Occupational Programs. http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/hp/cdc/if-hp-cdc-ip-sm-std-imm-post-sec-stud-08-302.pdf

Student Placement Agreement (July 30, 2013) – The Board of Governors of the University of Calgary and Alberta Health Services.

University of Calgary Calendar, <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/> ,
University Calendar, Faculty of Nursing, 3. Faculty Regulations, 3.1
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History

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