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Immunization Requirements

All students are expected to meet defined immunization requirements. The Immunization Record must be complete or provide proof of titer. It is strongly recommended that the student retain a personal record of their immunizations. Unless otherwise specified, actual proof of immunization or titer results are required. Proof includes 1) evidence of the vaccination on an official record such as the State Immunization Record (pink card), school records, or the International Immunization Record (yellow card), 2) official medical record, or 3) positive titer results.

Vaccinations required are:

- **Tdap** – tetanus–diphtheria–pertussis (Tdap) booster is required every 10 years for health care providers.
- Two doses of **MMR** – If born before 1957 live measles (rubeola) vaccine on or after the first birthday and separated by greater than or equal to 28 days, at least one dose of live mumps vaccine, and at least one dose of live rubella (German measles) vaccine. Health Care Workers (HCW) born before 1957 are required to have proof of only one of each. These immunizations are no longer provided individually but in the combined MMR. If born after 1957 proof of two separate MMR vaccinations are required. Caution: If the student needs to receive the MMR, please complete the two–step skin test before proceeding with the MMR. The MMR could be administered with the second step, but not the first step. (CDC, General Recommendations on Immunizations, p. 14).
- **Hepatitis B** – Complete hepatitis B immunization series. This immunization is highly recommended, but students may sign a refusal form. Proof of immunization, titer, or waiver is required.
- **Varicella** – The student must be immune to varicella (chickenpox) as evidenced by an official record of two dose varicella immunization or positive titer results. If immunity is not present, the varicella immunization is required.
- **Influenza** – To reduce student illnesses and absenteeism during the influenza season and to reduce the spread of influenza to and from workers and patients, students are **required** to be vaccinated during the flu season. Students must follow specific clinical requirement. *If seeking accommodation / exemption **All** paperwork needs completed prior to start of semester. Clinical site placement may be restricted.
- **Tuberculosis test** – A tuberculosis test must be documented annually. The PPD Mantoux one step is an acceptable test. Other testing is approved on a case by case basis. For positive reactors, a negative chest x–ray and negative symptoms must be documented annually. Students with a positive TB skin test and negative X-ray are highly encouraged to complete a 9 month course of treatment. This is available free of charge through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.
- **COVID-19** – A copy of the vaccination card or health department record, per current CDC guidelines. This recommendation is **subject to change** in response

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to clinical site guidelines. Provide documentation of vaccination card with manufacturer.

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Clinical Immunization Requirements vary by agency. Our process is to let students know clinical requirements required by various agencies. Student must meet those requirements to go into the clinical sites. If the student chooses not to meet those requirements (without an accommodation /exemption from the agency) than they cannot meet the clinical course requirements and therefore would not be able to complete the course(s) successfully.

In order to meet all the requirements of our nursing program, which would lead to graduation and the ability to take the national licensing exam to be an RN, you must complete the requisite number of hours in our clinical settings. Our clinical settings have set requirements with regard to health records, including immunizations, in order to be in that setting. If you are not willing to have that complete health record, then you would not be able to meet the requirements to graduate from the Nursing Program.