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Health Requirements for Students

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Health Requirements for Students

As a student nurse, you should be aware of the need to protect yourself and the health of those you provide care for by maintaining updated health records. Area hospitals and medical centers entrust institutions like DePaul University to ensure that our student nurses and clinical faculty meet the same health requirements as the healthcare professionals they employ.

The School of Nursing cannot accept or maintain any hard copies of health records. We ask that you follow the steps outlined in this document to complete and document your health requirements by the deadline listed for your academic quarter.

Your compliance items should be completed by the following dates:

December 1st for Winter start

February 1st for BSN and Spring start

May 16th for Summer start

August 4th for Autumn start

UnitedHealthcare Insurance for DePaul Students

All DePaul students registered for classes are automatically added to the Academic HealthPlans (AHP) website [portal](#) where they need to waive or enroll in the UnitedHealthcare plan. If you already have active insurance coverage, [opt out](#) by submitting a waiver. Full information is found [here](#).

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Requirement Details

Background Check

Further instructions for registration and completion of a background check will be sent by the Compliance Officer prior to the start of the term.

The School of Nursing may not be able to place students in a clinical setting if there are positive findings on the criminal background check. As a result, a student will not be able to complete the requirements of the program.

Drug Screen

Further instructions for registration and completion of a 10-panel drug screen will be sent by the Compliance Officer prior to the start of the term.

The School of Nursing may not be able to place students in a clinical setting if there are positive findings on the drug screen. As a result, a student will not be able to complete the requirements of the program.

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)

Provide titer or documented receipt of a vaccination series as proof of immunity.

Varicella (Chicken Pox)

Provide a titer or documented receipt of two vaccinations as proof of immunity.

Hepatitis B Titer

Provide a titer as proof of immunity.

Tuberculosis Screening

Provide either a two-step Mantoux skin test or QuantiFERON-TB Gold test. Renewals must be submitted within 12 months of the initial results.

Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap) Immunization

Provide proof of immunization within the last 10 years.

CPR Certification

Provide proof of CPR Certification. American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) certification is the only form accepted. Basic CPR classes offered to non-medical individuals are NOT acceptable. You can find an appropriate course [here](#).

Proof of Health Insurance

Provide proof of personal health insurance. The name on the document must match the student's name. If you receive health insurance as a dependent on another's plan, contact the Compliance Officer.

Influenza Vaccination

Provide proof of the current season's influenza vaccination which includes the lot number of the vaccination. Note that flu shots are typically released in late August or early September. Based on the release date, the due date for this requirement may vary.

COVID-19 Vaccination

While the COVID-19 vaccination is not mandatory for participation in the program, it is strongly recommended for all students. However, students placed in clinical rotations where vaccination is a requirement will need to comply with those specific mandates. Failure to obtain the required vaccination for such rotations will result in an interruption to the student's progress within the program.

COVID-19 Booster

Most sites with a COVID-19 requirement will accept an initial vaccination or series without additional boosters. If students have received a booster, those records can be submitted with the documentation.

Student Clinical Acknowledgement

Sign and submit the student clinical [acknowledgement](#).

Student Handbook Acknowledgement

Download and review the student [handbook](#). Sign the agreement found on page 3.

HIPAA/FERPA Authorization

Download and sign the HIPAA/FERPA authorization [form](#). Failure to complete this form may impact your ability to attend clinical sites.

Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Training

Complete Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure training by reviewing the PowerPoint training document [here](#), then taking the 10-question quiz found on the website. When you finish the quiz, save the results screen (there will be a button to allow you to save as a PDF file) and submit.

Acknowledgement of Mandated Reporter Status

Download and sign the acknowledgement [form](#).

University Requirements

Immunization requirements for DePaul University are NOT the same as those for the School of Nursing. Illinois state law mandates that DePaul University collect immunization records for the following: Tetanus/Diphtheria, Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, Rubella. The requirement is for immunization only. You must upload this proof separately, by following these [directions](#). Failure to complete this requirement will prevent you from registering for classes in future quarters

Frequently Asked Questions

I am unsure if my documentation meets the requirements. What should I do?

Please contact the [Compliance Officer](#).

What is the difference between a vaccination and a titer?

Per the [CDC](#):

Vaccine: A preparation that is used to stimulate the body's immune response against diseases. Vaccines are usually administered through needle injections, but some can be administered by mouth or sprayed into the nose.

Vaccination: The act of introducing a vaccine into the body to produce protection from a specific disease.

Immunization: A process by which a person becomes protected against a disease through vaccination. This term is often used interchangeably with vaccination or inoculation.

Per [MedlinePlus](#):

A **titer** is a measurement of the amount or concentration of a substance in a solution. It usually refers to the amount of antibodies found in a person's blood.

Think of it this way: a vaccination is used to **build** immunity. A titer shows whether or not you are immune.

Why do I need a titer?

Some people have lost their immunity to vaccinations or did not mount enough immune responses to the immunizations they received. This makes you vulnerable to acquiring a disease and have the potential to pass it on to patients you contact. The recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) form the basis of our titer guidelines.

How recent must titers be?

Titers are acceptable from any time in the past if they fulfill the requirements.

Where can I order bloodwork/immunizations/tests?

See a list of suggested sites at the bottom of [this](#) website.

My titer came back negative and classes start soon.

Don't panic. This is not uncommon. If you can restart the immunization series, and document each shot along the way, this will not hold you back from starting clinicals. Contact the Compliance Officer as soon as possible to discuss the timeline.