

**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) and Medicine Hat College

- b) “Student” means Undergraduate or Graduate student enrolled in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Calgary (Calgary Campus) and Medicine Hat College
- 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
- Varicella (if needed)
- COVID-19 (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 Officer at Medicine Hat College:

- a) meets yearly with the MHC Nursing Department Chair to ensure that no changes have been made to the Standard based on direction provided by the University of Calgary.
- b) updates the Student Immunization Form and requirements as necessary.
- c) verifies that each new Student has submitted the Student Immunization form and supporting documents, following-up with any Students who has outstanding requirements.
- d) at Medicine Hat College, students upload immunization documents to CampusVue and or by email to the Immunization Officer. [Upon graduation, the Immunization Officer confidentially destroys photocopies of all records received from students.]
- e) notifies the MHC Nursing Program Coordinator if a Student is deficient with any required Immunizations or Tests, who in turn notifies the NPCC and NI if they are registered in clinical courses.
- f) advises the MHC Nursing Department Chair to consult with the Registrar to put a hold on the Student's account.
- g) tracks proof of seasonal influenza immunizations.

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

- a) submit proof of Immunizations and Tests (photocopies) to the MHC Nursing Department through CampusVue or by email. Original copies must be retained by the student as the Faculty, College, 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 MHC Nursing Department Chair and/or Nursing Program Coordinator 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-stdimm-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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