

## Student Nurse Health Policy

The health policies for the nursing programs are in accord with the health policies of the University and major clinical agencies utilized for clinical laboratory learning experiences.

Health requirements for admission and progression in the nursing major include:

- Have a negative tuberculin test result and repeat testing annually. Two-step testing must be used for the initial skin testing. After initial testing, a negative chest x-ray will be sufficient screening for students who are known positive skin test reactors. A negative Quantiferon Tb-Gold blood test may also meet the requirement for Tb screening.
- At time of application for admission into the major (sophomore level or higher) provide appropriate documentation on the **Indiana State University Immunization** form indicating the current immunization status for the following:
  - a. Tetanus & Diphtheria – Basic series and booster every ten years.
  - b. Pertussis – Students younger than 65-years-old are recommended to receive a 1-time dose of Tdap (substitute for 1 Td booster dose).
  - c. Measles/Mumps/Rubella

*Measles (Rubeola)* – Must fulfill one of the following:

- Immunization with live measles vaccine (documentation of two dates of measles immunization). Both doses must be given after 1967 with the first dose after the first birthday; the two doses must be separated by at least 30 days.
- Documentation of physician-diagnosed measles disease or documentation of immunity titer that specifies date of titer.
- If born before January 1, 1957, no immunization is required.

*Mumps* – Must fulfill one of the following:

- Immunization with vaccine after first birthday.
- Documentation of physician-diagnosed mumps disease or documentation of immunity titer that specifies date of titer.
- If born before January 1, 1957, no immunization is required, but 1 is recommended.

*Rubella (German Measles)* – Must fulfill one of the following:

- Immunization with vaccine after first birthday.
- Documentation of immunity titer that specifies date of titer; physician diagnosis of rubella is not acceptable.

d. Varicella (Chickenpox) – Must fulfill one of the following:

- Immunization with two doses of vaccine four to eight weeks apart unless a contraindication exists.
- History of varicella disease; or herpes zoster based on physician diagnosis; or documentation of immunity titer that specifies date of titer.

- e. Hepatitis B – basic series (first two doses 30 days apart and the third six months after the second dose) with initial dose obtained prior to admission to nursing major.
  - f. Influenza – recommended annually and as required by specific clinical agencies.
- Documents verifying health history information, current immunization status, and TB testing must be submitted by **June 1** to be considered for fall admission to the nursing major and by **November 1** to be considered for spring admission.
  - Continuing students will not be allowed to enter clinical nursing courses without documentation to verify that the above requirements have been satisfied.

During enrollment in a nursing program, students are expected to demonstrate appropriate health practices by regular health care and personal health behavior. Health Insurance Coverage is recommended by the College of Nursing. Students are responsible for all personal health-related expenses. Information about the University's Student Health Insurance program can be obtained by contacting the Student Health Center.

In determining a student's ability to participate in the clinical setting for any clinical nursing course the faculty member/preceptor will consider the following:

- Compliance with the health policy contained in this document, and with bloodborne pathogen training.
- A student with a contraindication to immunization required by the nursing programs must submit documentation from a health care provider.

In determining a student's ability to participate in the clinical setting after any significant illness and/or injury, the faculty member/preceptor will consider the following:

- Health care provider's statement of health status and recommendations, if any.
- Faculty member/preceptor's evaluation of the student's ability to function in the clinical setting. (Even though the physician may state that the student may be in the class and/or the clinical laboratory setting, *it is the faculty member's decision* to determine if the student is safe to provide patient care.)
- Student's ability to complete the requirements of the course's learning experiences.

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