

## Medical Requirements for Incoming Nursing Students

A student admitted to the DWU nursing program must present evidence of the following medical requirements. All nursing student health records are maintained by the University campus nurse to document compliance with health care facility policies. A nursing student will not be permitted to enter clinical areas of health care facilities until all medical requirements are met.

**These first 3 requirements are University Requirements & MUST be completed to comply with Dakota Wesleyan University policies.**

1. **Student Health Form (Health History)**
  - a. Complete Form A, Student Health/Immunization Form upon admission as a Dakota Wesleyan University student.
  - b. **\*Note: The Student Health Form is completed in your TigerGo account at <http://www.dwu.edu/tigergo>**
2. **Major Medical Insurance**
  - a. A copy of the front and back of a major medical insurance card is required by DWU. Students who do not have private insurance coverage will be required to purchase insurance.
  - b. Insurance ***must*** be confirmed or updated within the **first week of *each* semester**, as a part of the student's Semester Finalization.
  - c. **\*Note: Medical Insurance is submitted in your TigerGo account at <http://www.dwu.edu/tigergo>**
3. **Immunization Records – One of the following is required**
  - a. Documentation of two MMR vaccines (Measles, Mumps and Rubella); OR
  - b. If there is one documented MMR, the student needs to have a 2nd MMR vaccination; OR
  - c. Documentation of titers (blood tests) indicating immunity to all three infections; OR
  - d. Medical documentation of an allergic reaction that would prevent MMR vaccination

**These 8 Medical Requirements are due before the due date, which is 2 months prior to attending the first Nursing Course.**

4. **Physical Evaluation**
  - a. The Physical Evaluation form can be found at the following link:
  - b. <https://www.dwu.edu/student-life/campus-health/mandatory-health-forms>
  - c. If student is a DWU Athlete, a Physical Evaluation may already be on file. Check with the University Campus Nurse, as to the status of your Physical Evaluation. 605-995-2957 or [Donna.Gerlach@dwu.edu](mailto:Donna.Gerlach@dwu.edu)
  - d. New Physical Examination Documentation will be required for the following students:
    - i. New Nursing Students
    - ii. Nursing Students returning from a Leave of Absence of 4 months or more.
    - iii. Nursing Students who have taken Medical Leave.
    - iv. Nursing Students with known accidents, illness or new diagnosis.
5. **Tuberculin (TB) Skin Test**
  - a. Incoming nursing students are required to complete the two-step procedure (2 tests on 2 different parts of the body OR 1 QuantiFeron blood test) unless documentation of the results of a TB test completed during the previous twelve (12) months is provided. If this documentation is provided, a one-step TB skin test will be sufficient.  
**Example: If a TB skin test was completed in June of last year, a one-step TB skin test must be completed by June 30th of this year; if the TB skin test is done after June 30th, then the two-step procedure must be completed.**
  - b. All returning nursing students must present documentation of annual TB skin testing completed by the end of the month of the prior year's TB anniversary date. (See above example in 5a.)
  - c. Annual TB testing is required within 12 months from the previous test and thereafter until graduation.

**6. Tdap Injection**

- a. Documentation of a Tdap injection is required. Thereafter, Td's to follow per CDC recommendations.
- b. Nursing students are to follow the schedule for tetanus boosters, a Td or Tdap is required every 10 years from the last Tdap.

**7. Varicella (Chickenpox) Immunity – One of the following is required**

- a. History of the disease noted in Section II of the Student Physical Form; OR
- b. Documentation of a Varicella titer (blood test) showing immunity; OR
- c. Documentation of two administered doses of Varicella vaccine

**8. Hepatitis B Series & Hepatitis B Titer (Hep B Surface Antibody) – Provide documentation of each dose & titer results**

- a. 1st dose: Students must receive the first dose to be permitted to attend clinical experiences.
- b. 2nd dose: due one month after first dose
- c. 3rd dose: due five months after second dose
- d. Titer: due 4 to 6 weeks after 3rd dose (a positive titer indicates immunity has been acquired.)

**If the student did not complete a titer after three doses OR the titer was negative after three doses:**

- e. See healthcare provider for booster (4th) dose or repeat entire 3-shot series per providers recommendations. A titer is due 4 to 6 weeks after last dose is received. If the Hepatitis B titer is positive, student has met requirement.
- f. If the titer is negative after booster (4th) dose:
  1. 5th dose: due one month after fourth dose
  2. 6th dose: due five months after fifth dose
  3. Titer: due 4 to 6 weeks after the 6th dose. Student will have met the Hepatitis B requirement after remainder of doses and titer.

**Students who fail to follow the timeframe for Hepatitis B doses and titer cannot attend clinical experiences. The clinical absence policy will be followed until the student completes the required doses and/or titer. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by the administrative chair of the department of nursing.**

**9. Annual Influenza Vaccination – One of the following is required by December 1<sup>st</sup>, Annually.**

- a. Written documentation of annual flu vaccination.
- b. Written documentation from a healthcare provider indicating the reason why flu vaccination cannot be administered to student.
- c. If a student does not present annual flu documentation, the student is required to wear a mask during clinical rotations.

**10. CPR Certification and Renewal**

- a. Incoming NUR216 students must be CPR certified prior to the beginning of the spring semester of their sophomore year. The American Heart Association course, HeartCode® BLS (Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers CPR), is required. HeartCode® BLS is an interactive E-learning and E-simulation course.
- b. Renewal of CPR Certification: After initial certification, all nursing students must keep their American Heart Association CPR certification current by renewing it every two years. Students with CPR expiring during the nursing program can access the American Heart Association online renewal option at: <http://www.onlineaha.org/>
- c. Students who fail to keep CPR certification current cannot attend clinical experiences. The clinical absence policy will be followed until a student presents documentation of renewal of CPR. Students are responsible for all costs related to initial certification and renewal.

**11. Criminal Background Check.**

- a. Students will complete a background check after final grades are complete, and it has been determined that a student will be entering the Nursing Program. Instructions for completing the online application process for a background check will be emailed to accepted students. Students will have access to the Verified Credentials website for at least 2 weeks, to complete this process. The background check costs \$87.00, and the student is able to pay by credit or debit card on the Verified website.

**12. Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Certification and Renewal**

- a. **CNA certification is not required; however, it is highly recommended for all DWU Nursing Students. It is in your best interest to maintain a CNA Certification, as that training offers you experience in patient care.**

**For questions, assistance and/or documentation submissions students are to contact:**

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<https://www.dwu.edu/student-life/campus-health/immunization-requirements>