

## DWU MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSING STUDENTS

Nursing students cannot enter clinical areas of healthcare facilities until medical requirements are met.

- Mandatory Health Forms**  
Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Nursing Program students: Complete Form B, Physical Evaluation  
LPN-BS students: Complete Form A, Student Health/Immunization, and Form B, Physical Evaluation  
<https://www.dwu.edu/student-life/campus-health/mandatory-health-forms>
- Tuberculin (TB) Skin Test – Documentation of ONE of the following:**
  - A two-step TB skin test (2 tests on 2 different parts of the body); OR
  - A QuantiFERON test (blood draw); OR
  - If a Nursing student presents documentation of a TB skin test completed in the previous twelve (12) months, 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; however, if the TB skin test is done after June 30th, then the two-step procedure must be completed.**
- MMR (Measles, Mumps Rubella) – Documentation of ONE of the following:**
  - Childhood immunization records to document two MMR vaccines; OR
  - If there is one documented MMR, the student is required to have a 2nd MMR vaccination; OR
  - Documentation of titers (blood tests) indicating immunity to all three infections; OR
  - Medical documentation of an allergic reaction that would prevent MMR vaccination
- Tdap injection (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) –** Provide documentation showing a Tdap injection.
- Varicella (Chicken Pox) Immunity –** ONE of the following is required:
  - Documentation showing history of the disease (can be documented on the Student Health Form A)
  - Documentation of a Varicella titer (blood test) showing immunity; OR
  - Documentation of two administered doses of Varicella vaccine
- Hepatitis B Series & Titer (Hep B Surface Antibody Test)**  
(Student must have the first dose before student can attend clinical.)  
Documentation showing completion of the 3 dose series and positive titer is required.  
**If the student did not complete a titer after 3 doses OR the titer was negative after 3 doses:**
  - See healthcare provider for booster dose and complete the titer 4-6 weeks after booster dose. If titer is positive, student has met requirement.
  - If titer is negative after booster dose, student is to complete another 2 doses and re-titer 4-6 weeks after last dose is received. Student will have met requirement after remainder of doses and re-titering.
- Annual Influenza Vaccination –** ONE of the following is required by November 1, for B.S. students & by December 1, for LPN-B.S. students:
  - Written documentation of annual flu vaccination
  - Written documentation from a healthcare provider indicating flu vaccination cannot be administered.
  - A student without documented annual flu vaccination is required to wear a mask during clinical rotations.
- 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.
- Copy of current CPR certification is required –** American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers (also known as HeartCode® BLS) CPR certification is required and is to remain current while a student is enrolled in the DWU nursing program. A copy of the student's CPR card is required for documentation. Students are responsible for all costs related to initial CPR certification and renewal. The department of nursing

administrative chair must approve CPR certification that is not American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Providers CPR, or any other exception to CPR requirements.

Incoming NUR 310 students (B.S. Nursing Program) must be CPR certified prior to beginning the fall semester of their junior year.

10. **Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) certification/renewal** – Though it is not required, incoming students to the 4-year B.S. Nursing Program are highly recommended to acquire & maintain a CNA Certification. CNA training and employment offers the student experience in patient care. A student currently certified as a CNA must provide documentation. Students are responsible for all costs related to initial CNA certification and renewal.
11. **LPN-B.S. Nursing Program students** – Provide proof of current South Dakota LPN licensure.

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**Nursing program medical requirements can be viewed online at:**  
<https://www.dwu.edu/student-life/campus-health/immunization-requirements>