

Medical Requirements for DWU A.S. Nursing Students

The first 3 requirements are University Requirements and **MUST** be completed **IMMEDIATELY** to comply with Dakota Wesleyan University admissions policies.

1. Student Health Form (Health History)

- a. Complete 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 Medical Requirements are Due 2 Months Prior to Attending the First Nursing Course

A student admitted to the DWU nursing program must present evidence of the following medical requirements. All nursing students are required to maintain currency of all required immunizations and tests. All nursing students' health records are maintained by the University to document compliance with health care facility policies.

A nursing student is not permitted to attend a clinical experience until all medical requirements are met and documentation submitted to the nursing office.

4. Physical Evaluation - Must be completed by MD, DO, CNP, PA only. No Chiropractic exams accepted.

- a. New Physical Examination Documentation will be required for the following students:
 - i. New Nursing Students, physical must be dated **June 1 or after**.
 - ii. Nursing Students returning from taking greater than 4 months off or with a new medical diagnosis, or physical changes due to an accident.
 - iii. Nursing Students who have taken Medical Leave.
- b. The Physical Evaluation form can be found at the following link:
https://www.dwu.edu/files/galleries/DWU_Physical_Form.pdf
- c. All questions referring to the Physical Evaluation please contact the Campus Nurse at 605-995-2957 or dwunurse@dwu.edu.

5. Tuberculin (TB) Test - Annually

- a. Incoming Nursing Students are required to complete a QuantiFERON TB Gold test, (Interferon Gamma Release Assay). This is a blood test done by your medical provider.
- b. Annual QuantiFERON TB Gold test, (Interferon Gamma Release Assay) is required within 12 months from the previous test and thereafter until graduation.
- c. Students who have not submitted required Annual TB test documentation are not permitted to participate in clinical experiences, until test is completed and documentation submitted to the Nursing Office.

6. Tdap Injection

- a. Documentation of a current 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. Documentation of a Varicella titer (blood test) showing immunity; OR
- b. Documentation of two administered doses of Varicella vaccine.

8. Hepatitis B Series

- a. Provide documentation of a completed series of 3 Hepatitis B vaccinations.

9. Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Test (Hep B Titer)

Complete this test with your medical provider and submit lab/test results. If immune, requirement is complete. If not immune, a second series is required.

- a. If the titer is negative complete a second Hepatitis B vaccination series – 3 dose series
 1. 4th dose: due immediately
 2. 5th dose: due 1 month after fourth dose
 3. 6th dose: due 5 months after fifth dose
 4. Repeat Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Test 4 weeks after sixth dose. Submit lab/test results.
- OR**
- b. If the titer is negative complete a second Hepatitis B vaccination series – 2 dose series (Heplisav-B)
 1. 4th dose: due immediately
 2. 5th dose: due 30 days after fourth dose
 3. Repeat Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Test 4 weeks after fifth dose. Submit lab/test results.

***If completing a second series, DO NOT INTERMIX THE 3-DOSE SERIES AND 2-DOSE SERIES.**

Students who fail to follow the timeframe for Hepatitis B doses and titers 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.

10. Annual Influenza Vaccination - One of the following is required by October 1st, Annually

- a. 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 by the due date, the student will not be allowed to attend clinical rotations.

11. Covid-19 Vaccination - Per guidelines/requirements of clinical facilities (Currently not required)

- a. Documentation showing completed Covid-19 Vaccination Series.
- b. Acceptable documentation from a Healthcare Provider stating the condition which causes the student to be exempt from vaccination.
- c. If a student is unable to receive the Covid-19 vaccination, the student is required to wear a mask at all times during clinical rotations.
- d. Covid-19 regulations could change throughout the year per our clinical partners' regulations.

12. CPR Certification and Renewal

- a. Incoming nursing students must be CPR certified. 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. **AHA BLS must include hands-on training component.** BLS from American Red Cross is also acceptable **ONLY** if the student is an Avera employee and student is required to have the ARC BLS by their employer. The department of nursing administrative chair must approve the CPR certification that is not American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Providers CPR, or any other exception to CPR requirements.

- b. Renewal of CPR Certification: After initial certification, all nursing students must keep their American Heart Association BLS CPR certification (or American red Cross certification only in the case noted in 12a) current by renewing it every two years.

Students who fail to keep CPR certifications current and immunizations current cannot attend clinical experiences. The clinical absence policy will be followed until a student presents documentation of renewal of CPR or immunizations. Students are responsible for all costs related to initial certification and renewal.

13. Criminal Background Check

Students will complete a background check after final grades, when 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 mailed to accepted students. Students will have access to the Verified Credentials website for 3 weeks to complete this process. The background check costs \$96.00, the student is able to pay by credit or debit card on the Verified website.

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

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