

Medical Requirements for DWU Nursing Students

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 student health records are maintained by the University to document compliance with health care facility policies. A nursing student is not permitted to enter clinical areas of health care facilities until all medical requirements are met.

1. **Student Health Form (Health History) (All Nursing Programs)**
 - 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 (All Nursing Programs)**
 - 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 (All Nursing Programs)**
 - 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

4. **Physical Evaluation (All Nursing Programs)**
 - a. New Physical Examination Documentation will be required for the following students:
 - i. New Nursing Students
 - 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 Donna.Gerlach@dwu.edu

5. **Tuberculin (TB) Test (All Nursing Programs)**
 - 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 & documentation submitted to the Nursing Office.

6. **Tdap Injection (All Nursing Programs)**
 - 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. **Covid-19 Vaccination– Per guidelines/ requirements of clinical facilities (All Nursing Programs)**
 - 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.

8. **Varicella (Chickenpox) Immunity – One of the following is required (All Nursing Programs)**

- e. History of the disease noted in the Person History section of the Student Health Form, OR
- f. Documentation of a Varicella titer (blood test) showing immunity; OR
- g. Documentation of two administered doses of Varicella vaccine

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

- 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.

10. **Annual Influenza Vaccination – One of the following is required by November 1st, Annually (All Nursing Programs)**

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

11. **CPR Certification and Renewal**

a. **LPN to BSN**

- i. 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. **BLS must have a hands-on training component.**
- ii. Renewal of CPR Certification: After initial certification, all nursing students must keep their American Heart Association CPR certification (or American red Cross certification only in the case noted in 10a) current by renewing it every two years.

b. **BSN**

- i. All students will take HLT 307 Advanced Emergency Skills for their CPR certification. (Even if you are current on your CPR certification, you will be required to take this course.)

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.

12. **Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Certification (B.S. Nursing Program)**
Incoming Nursing Students, who are not CNA certified will be required to take NUR 115 Basic Patient Care in the Spring of their Sophomore year. A student who is currently certified as a CNA should provide documentation prior to spring of their sophomore year. The CNA certification must be current.
13. **LPN License (LPN-B.S. Nursing Programs)**
LPN-B.S. Nursing Program students must provide a copy of a current LPN license.
14. **Criminal Background Check (All Nursing Programs)**
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 emailed to accepted students. Students will have access to the Verified Credentials website for 2 weeks to complete this process. The background check costs \$87.00, 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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Nursing student medical requirements are viewable online:
<https://www.dwu.edu/immunization-requirements>