



**FACULTY OF NURSING  
Immunization Requirements for All Nursing Students**

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- Purpose**
- 1 The purpose of this operating standard is to:
    - a) ensure compliance with the Faculty’s contractual obligations with various practice partners by verifying that all Nursing Students have received the necessary vaccinations and tests.
    - b) ensure the safety of Students and clients/patient.
- Scope**
- 2 This operating standard applies to all Nursing Students.
- Definitions**
- 3 In this operating standard:
    - a) “Faculty” means the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Calgary (Calgary Campus).
    - b) “Student” means Undergraduate or Graduate student enrolled in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Calgary (Calgary Campus).

- c) “Immunizations” refer to the immunizations required for health care workers/students as set out in the AHS document “Standard for Immunization of Post-Secondary Health Care Students and Students in Other High-Risk Occupational Programs”.
- d) “Tests” refer to specific tests required for health care workers as set out in the AHS document “Standard for Immunization of Health Care Workers”.
- e) “HSPnet” refers to a comprehensive web-based system for managing practice education in the health sciences.

**Standard/Practice**

**4 4.1** In accordance with the Faculty’s contractual obligations with practice partners, Students are required to have the following Immunizations and Tests completed.

**Immunizations**

- Tetanus
- Diphtheria
- Pertussis
- Polio
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Hepatitis B
- Influenza
- Varicella (if needed)
- COVID

**Tests**

- Mantoux
- Hepatitis B blood test
- Varicella (if needed)
- Chest x-ray (if needed)

**4.2** If Alberta Health Services guidelines change, throughout the Student’s program, Students may require updated or additional Immunizations and Tests.

**4.3** Accommodations may be made for valid, documented medical and/or religious reasons.

**Responsibilities**

**5 5.1** The Immunization Program Coordinator:

- a) meets yearly with Communicable Disease (AHS) to ensure that no changes have been made to the Standard.
- b) updates Immunization Worksheet and requirements as necessary.

- c) verifies that each new Student has submitted the immunization worksheet and supporting documents, following-up with any Students who has outstanding requirements.
- d) enters proof of Immunizations and Tests into HSPnet. [Upon graduation, confidentially destroys all records received from students.]
- e) notifies the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs, if a Student is deficient any required Immunizations or Tests.
- f) advise the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs Office to block course registration for any Student who is non-compliant until such time as proof is presented.
- g) tracks proof of seasonal influenza and COVID immunizations.
- h) provides reports and data in the event of an outbreak.

**5.2** It is the Student’s professional and ethical responsibility to:

- a) submit proof of Immunizations and Tests in a timely manner as designated by the Undergraduate / Graduate office. Original copies must be retained by the student as the Faculty, University or employers may require these documents at a future date.
- b) arrange for any Immunizations or Tests that they are deficient and submit proof of completion to the Immunization Program Coordinator.

**5.3** The Associate Dean, Undergraduate or Graduate Programs (or Designate) will:

- a) meet with any Student who is non-compliant to discuss implications pertaining to ongoing clinical placements

**Related Policies**      **6**    OPERATING STANDARDS AND PRACTICES FN006: FACULTY OF NURSING, Immunization Requirements for All Faculty Members

**Related Information**    **7**    AHS Immunization Program Standards Manual, Immunization of Special Populations, Standard for Immunization of Post-Secondary Health Care Students and Students in Other High-Risk Occupational Programs.  
<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/hp/cdc/if-hp-cdc-ipism-std-imm-post-sec-stud-08-302.pdf>

Student Placement Agreement (July 30, 2013) – The Board of Governors of the University of Calgary and Alberta Health Services.

University of Calgary Calendar, <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/> ,  
University Calendar, Faculty of Nursing, 3. Faculty Regulations, 3.1  
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**History**

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