

Provost and Academic Vice President



TO: David J. Silva, Provost and Academic Vice President, Academic Affairs
 FROM: Amy Smith, Chair, All-University Committee
 RE: Request for Change of Policy, School of Nursing
 DATE: May 17, 2019

Enclosed for your review and approval is the request for change in policy, School of Nursing Immunization and Clinical Requirements Policy, School of Nursing

This request has been recommended by the School of Nursing, the Academic Policies Committee, and the All-University Committee. All Contractual obligations have been met. The effective date is June 1, 2019.

I also recommend approval.

Approve:

David J. Silva

 David J. Silva
 Provost and Academic Vice President

Disapprove:

5/17/2019

 Date

Comments, if any:

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Requires expedited processing. Thank you!
-DJS

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Approved by:

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Salem State University Undergraduate Governance
Academic Policy Proposal Form

Title:

Nursing Student Immunization and Clinical Requirements Policy

New Policy

Description of policy as it would appear in the catalog:

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Please indicate where the new policy should appear in the undergraduate catalog:

Nursing Section of the Catalog

Rationale for new policy:

[Empty box for rationale for new policy]



× **Change to an Existing Policy**

Existing Policy as it currently appears in the catalog:

The Salem State University School of Nursing has developed an immunization policy that builds upon the SSU Health Services requirements as well as the Massachusetts Department of Public Health recommendations for Health Science Students. This policy is publicly accessible, non-discriminatory and consistently applied and available on the School of Nursing website.

For more information please visit the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Website:
<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2017/10/baa/college-memo.doc>

Vaccine	Requirements in Brief
Hepatitis B	3-dose series and Hepatitis B titer 3 doses hepatitis B vaccine on a 0, 1, and 6 month schedule and test for hepatitis B surface antibody (anti-HBs) 1-2 months after the 3rd dose to document immunity. If titer is negative consult your Health Care Provider and follow the Massachusetts Department of Public Health requirements.
Influenza	1 dose of influenza vaccine every influenza season
Meningococcal Vaccines	Beginning in the Fall 2018 all newly enrolled full-time students 21 yrs of age or younger will be required to show documentation of a dose of MenACWY administered on or after their 16th birthday regardless of housing status.
MMR (Measles, Mumps, rubella)	2 doses of MMR \geq 28 days apart, AND documented laboratory confirmed immunity to measles and mumps and rubella.
Tuberculosis (TB)	All students are screened by Health Services upon admission using the Tuberculosis Risk Questionnaire. Annually all nursing students are required to present results of a PPD*. If the PPD is positive and/or there is known treatment with BCG and/or treatment for active TB, the student is required to be screened by a Provider or SSU Health Services. *Some agencies require more frequent screening using the PPD.
Tdap/Td (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)	1 dose of adult Tdap within the past 10 years. If it has been more than 10years since Tdap was given, a dose of Td is recommended.
Varicella	2 doses of live varicella vaccine (these 2 doses must be given at least 4 weeks apart beginning at or after 12 months of age), AND serologic laboratory evidence of immunity.

Please Note: According to MGL Chapter 76, Section 15C, a nursing student may exempt from the immunization requirements imposed under state law pursuant to a medical or religious exemption. However, immunization exemption may place the student in jeopardy of not being able to participate in direct patient care which is a requirement for the clinical component of many nursing courses. This may in turn lead to the student not being able to progress in the nursing program.

Proposed New Policy (as it would appear in the catalog):

Salem State University School of Nursing students are required to adhere to both the Salem State University immunization policy (which is in accordance with the Massachusetts College Immunization Law 105 CMR 220.600, implemented by counseling and health services) and the School of Nursing Immunization and Clinical Requirements Policy. The School of Nursing immunization and clinical requirements are below:

Requirements upon enrollment to Salem State University	
Hepatitis B	3-dose series of hepatitis B vaccines or laboratory evidence of immunity is required. If titer is negative consult your Health Care Provider and follow the Massachusetts Department of Public Health requirements.
Meningococcal Vaccines	All full-time students 21 years of age or younger will be required to present documentation of one dose of MenACWY administered on or after their 16 th birthday, regardless of housing status.
MMR (Measles, Mumps, rubella)	2 doses of live measles, mumps and rubella vaccines or laboratory evidence of immunity is required. If the titer is negative, consult your Health Care Provider and follow the Massachusetts Department of Public Health requirements.
Tdap/Td (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)	1 dose of adult Tdap within the past 10 years is required. If it has been more than 10 years since Tdap was given, a dose of Td is recommended.
Varicella	2 doses of live varicella vaccine or laboratory evidence of immunity is required. If titer is negative consult your Health Care Provider and follow the Massachusetts Department of Public Health requirements.

Please Note: According to MGL Chapter 76, Section 15C, a nursing student may exempt from the immunization requirements imposed under state law pursuant to a medical or religious exemption. However, immunization exemption may place the student in jeopardy of not being able to participate in direct patient care which is a requirement for the clinical component of many nursing courses. This may in turn lead to the student not being able to progress in the nursing program.

Proposed New Policy (as it would appear in the catalog): (continued from above)

Requirements Prior to Enrollment in a Clinical Nursing Course

<p>CPR</p>	<p>CPR certification for Health Care Providers (infant, child and adult) is required.</p> <p>Students must provide a front and back signed copy of the card or certificate of completion.</p> <p>Online programs are not acceptable for CPR compliance.</p>
<p>Background Check</p>	<p>Student must complete a CORI to authorize a search of records for past criminal offenses. Good Moral Character is required for clinical experiences as well as applying for the NCLEX exam.</p> <p>See the Board of Nursing website for further details regarding Good Moral Character. <u>Good Moral Character Requirements</u></p>
<p>Tuberculosis (TB)</p>	<p>All students are screened by Health Services upon admission, and must complete the Tuberculosis Risk Questionnaire.</p> <p>All nursing students are required annually to present evidence of a TB Screen: IGRA- serology (T-SPOT or Quantaferon GOLD) or Mantoux testing (PPD).</p> <p>If the TB screen is positive, the student is required to be evaluated by a Health Care Provider and provide documentation of evaluation to the School of Nursing.</p> <p>Please note some clinical agencies may require more frequent screening.</p>
<p>Influenza</p>	<p>1 dose of influenza vaccine annually is required.</p> <p>An exemption to the influenza vaccine requirement may be granted by the School of Nursing when the student provides documentation of a contraindication from a health care provider.</p> <p>Certain hospitals and clinical agencies may mandate an influenza vaccine and this may effect a student's ability to complete required clinical rotations.</p>

Please Note:

Some clinical facilities where students will be assigned may require additional information and/or screenings prior to clinical placement. Students may incur an additional fee for any added requirements.

Student Immunization Policy will be policy # 11

Rationale for change to existing policy:

Previous Immunization Policy was not correct in terms of current DPH immunization guidelines for health science students, which were updated by the Department of Public Health in November 2018.

The separation of what is required upon enrollment to Salem State and what is required prior to entering a nursing course with a clinical component provides more clarity.

The School of Nursing is required to have an Immunization policy in order to demonstrate compliance in CMR 6.04 (3) (a) (1)

Proposed effective date: June 1, 2019

Submitter: Joanne Carlson

Department: School of Nursing

Date Submitted: 5/3/19