



Ohio Institute of Allied Health

School of Integrative Health Care

Subject: STUDENT VACCINATION POLICY

Policy:

This policy responds to requirements set forth by the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) regarding participating Title IV schools. Specifically HEOA Section 488(a)(1)(E): amended HEA Section 485(a)(1)(20 U.S.C. 1092(a)(1)): added HEA Section 485(a)(1)(V). HEOA amendment effective August 14, 2008; DCL GEN 08-12, page 96; and provides additional information to the existing request for immunization information on the Ohio Institute of Allied Health (OIAH) required health history form.

As such, OIAH has followed the guidelines and codes established by the American College Health Association (<http://www.acha.org/ACHA/Resources/Topics/Vaccine.aspx>), the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/rec-vac/>), and the Ohio Department of Health (<https://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/bid/immunization/immindex1.aspx>)

Purpose: To comply with the clinical practice agencies, accreditation/approval agencies, and Ohio State Laws. To protect the overall health and safety of our students, faculty, staff on and off campus, and the community. The policy applies to all newly admitted students whether by regular admission, readmission, advanced placement, or transfer processes.

The Ohio Institute of Allied Health (OIAH) mandates that all students (regular admission, readmission, advanced placement, or transfer students) must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Provide a completed medical history form (completed within six months of admission).
2. Provide a recent physical completed, signed, and dated by a primary care provider within six months of admission.
3. Provide written documentation from a licensed health care provider or other acceptable evidence for immunizations against the following diseases. Documentation should include the names of the disease immunized against, the number of doses given and the dates when administered. This information should be submitted using the required health history form.
 - a. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (two doses or titer showing immunity or documented history of disease). If students were born prior to January 1, 1957, they are assumed to have developed immunity and do not have to provide documentation.
 - b. Hepatitis B (three dose series or titer showing immunity). The student may attend classes/clinical/lab with the documented first dose but must complete the series as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. (Dose #1 now, dose #2 in 1 month, #3 in 5 months following dose #2).
 - c. Varicella (two dose series 4 weeks apart or titer showing immunity or documented history of disease).
 - d. Tetanus, Diphtheria, pertussis - Tdap (one dose) followed by a tetanus booster every 10 years.
 - e. TB screening (documentation of annual PPD for last 2 years or two-step initial screening within the last 3 months, or chest x-ray if previous positive results or Interferon Gamma Release Assay)
 - f. Influenza – annual immunization is required

Recommended: Pneumonia

Compliance: Any student who has failed to comply with the admission requirements, including the above immunizations and health forms by the dates listed below will be notified of the necessity to comply with the policy. Those students will be informed of how they can come into compliance with the policy requirements.

- Newly admitted registered nursing students attending classes more than three days from the first day of scheduled class/lab/clinical without having complied with these requirements, will be subject to being administratively withdrawn from the program.
- Newly admitted practical nursing students attending first term classes more than 6 weeks from the first day of scheduled class/lab/clinical without having complied with these requirements, will be subject to being administratively withdrawn from the program. In following terms, practical nursing students



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In the event a student does not provide required documentation as noted above, OIAH reserves the right to place a hold on the student's account and/or administratively withdraw the students from the program.

Exemptions: A statement from a licensed primary care provider (physician, nurse practitioner) indicating one or more immunizations is detrimental to his or her health may be accepted as an exemption. However, the student understands that the clinical practice agency may not allow the student to attend clinical. The student will not be given alternative clinical assignments due to the limitations of clinical availability. In addition, the student may not progress through the program if clinical requirements cannot be met.