

VACCINATIONS

All students enrolled in the School of Nursing and Midwifery are required under the Department of Health's '*Clinical Practice Agreement*' to submit proof of the mandatory health and legal requirements before going out on placement. Details of mandatory documentation is summarised below.

You are strongly advised to keep all of your documentation together in a safe place, as you will be required to produce original documentation during your clinical placements and throughout your career.

Please ensure that when presenting your documentation to the School of Nursing and Midwifery, you provide the **original document AND a photocopy at the same time**, as the photocopy will be sighted against the original document and then placed on your student file.

REQUIRED VACCINATIONS / REQUIRED IMMUNITY

Tuberculosis

Mantoux tests can be organised through Mandurah Community Health on 9586 4400. A Mantoux test is a simple skin test to establish immunity or previous exposure to Tuberculosis.

Hepatitis B

Vaccination is a series of three injections. There is one month between the 1st and 2nd doses and then five months between the 2nd and 3rd dose. If you have previously been vaccinated against Hepatitis B, then post-vaccination serological testing is required to ascertain immunity. If serology testing shows that you have no immunity after the 3 doses, then you will be required to have a booster vaccination and then further post-vaccination serological testing.

Varicella (Chicken Pox)

Vaccination is by two injections, six weeks apart. Serological testing is required to ascertain immunity. If you are not immune, vaccination will be required. Once immunity has been proven, you can be considered immune forever.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella

Vaccination is by one injection – 'MMR'. Serological testing is required to ascertain immunity. If you are not immune to one or more of the illnesses, then a booster vaccination will be required. Repeat serological testing required after 7 days to ascertain immunity.

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis

Vaccination is by one injection – either 'Boostrix' or 'Adacel' vaccine. It is recommended that Health Care Workers are immunised against these diseases every 10 years. If you have not had either a 'Boostrix' or 'Adacel' vaccination within the last 10 years, then a booster vaccination will be required.

Influenza

Vaccination is by one injection. This vaccination is required annually, normally around April/May.

MRSA (Methicillin-Resistant Staph Aureus)

Serological testing only, results available approximately one week from swab.

OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Department of Health Criminal Records Screening

This clearance is valid for 3 years, and is required before attending any practicums. This clearance can take several weeks to become available. Application forms are available from the Clinical Practicum and Student Requirements Office and on the nursing community site.

Information regarding Criminal Records Screening is available from the WA Department of health website:

<http://www.health.wa.gov.au/publications/CRSU/crs00.htm>

National Police Certificate

Application forms can be obtained and lodged at Australia Post, and can take several weeks to become available. Students who do not have a clear National Police Certificate will NOT be accepted into a clinical practicum site by any health care facility.

Information regarding obtaining a National Police Certificate is available from the WA Police Service website at the following:

<http://www.police.wa.gov.au/Services/Services.asp>

Working with Children Check

This check is compulsory for any persons who carry out child related work in WA. Application forms can be obtained and lodged at Australia Post, and can take up to 8 weeks to become available. According to the Policy Statement/Act, a child is considered to be anyone under 18 years of age. The age of transfer from paediatric care to an adult hospital is 16 years of age. If you are under 18 years of age, you will not be able to apply for the check until you have reached 18, but you will be able to go to the aged care practicum in first year.

Information regarding the Working with Children Check is available from the WA Department for Community Development website at the following:

<http://www.checkwwc.wa.gov.au/default.htm>.

Current CPR Certificate

A valid CPR certificate is required for all students, and annual re-certification is required. Information regarding CPR course availability may be located at the following:

St John's Ambulance: <http://www.ambulance.net.au/>

Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org.au/>

Please Note: CPR courses can be undertaken with other nationally certified providers.