IMMUNISATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS UNDERTAKING AN AWARD WITHIN THE SCHOOL OF NURSING & MIDWIFERY

All students undertaking an award within the School of Nursing & Midwifery with a clinical component are required to ensure immunisations are up to date. Please read the following information carefully.

All students attending clinical placement are required to provide an up to date Immunisation record to staff at their allocated placement venue before they can begin their clinical placement. Students can use the Record of Immunisation form provided by the School. This record is available on the School’s website at http://nursing.flinders.edu.au under ‘Fitness for Practice, Police Clearances, Immunisations’. The record will need to be completed and signed off by a general practitioner.

DO NOT give the immunisation record to the university’s clinical facilitator or any staff member in the school. Instead, complete and submit a ‘School of Nursing & Midwifery Declarations’ form to the university’s clinical facilitator at the pre-clinical meeting. This form is available on the School’s clinical website at http://nursing.flinders.edu.au under ‘Fitness for Practice, Police Clearances, Immunisations’. Students will be advised about pre-clinical meeting dates at a future date. Further information about these meetings can also be found on the website.

Students are required to keep the immunisation record and take to the venue on commencement of their placement or at the venue orientation prior to placement.

Department of Health (DOH) venues (all Public Hospitals)

The DOH requires all students attending their venues to log onto the website at http://www.nursingsa.com/nursing_studentplace.php prior to clinical placement to read all information about immunisations etc, download the ‘Student orientation checklist and the Department of Health ‘immunisation declaration’ form, and sign the declaration. A listing of DOH venues can be found at http://www.doctors-4u.com/adelaide/hospitals%20public.htm.

Minimum vaccination recommendations for ALL (public and private) venues:
Polio
Diphtheria/Tetanus
Varicella
Hepatitis B
Hepatitis A (only for those students attending remote and Northern Territory clinical placements)
Influenza
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (students born during or since 1966)
Pertussis (using dTpa) (only for students involved in paediatric and maternity)
The School of Nursing & Midwifery will only cover the cost of Hepatitis B vaccination. This does not include the cost of the service at a surgery. The Health & Counselling Service of the University provides a service to students. The consultation fee will be charged to Medicare if you are able to provide your Medicare Card or in the case of international students, your OSHC card.

Where there is a clinical placement in Alice Springs and Northern Territory remote venues, the School will also cover the cost of compulsory immunisations listed below:

- Measles/Mumps/Rubella
- Chicken Pox
- Adult Diptheria and Tetanus/Diptheria Toxoid/Tetanus Toxoid
- TB Assessment
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B

All decisions regarding the appropriateness of an individual to undertake a placement is entirely up to the placement venue and the University takes no responsibility for these decisions.
PREAMBLE

The School of Nursing & Midwifery, Flinders University, has a responsibility to ensure that all students are aware of an increased risk of exposure to communicable disease. The School encourages both staff and students to have adequate protection through immunisation.

Some industry partners also require evidence that students who are placed in their organisations have adequate protection through immunisation or have signed a statement indicating their refusal to do so.

As such, the School undertakes to ensure that nursing and midwifery students are aware of and understand their obligation to acquire adequate immunisation. As with all student matters within the School, confidentiality is assured and no disclosure of information will be made outside that necessary for the administration of the student’s progress in the course.

POLICY

Students enrolled in awards within the School of Nursing & Midwifery with a clinical placement component must meet the following:

- Students will seek immunisation cover against communicable diseases listed on the ‘Record of Immunisations’ available at the School’s website, http://nursing.flinders.edu.au/, under ‘Clinical Placements’, ‘Police Clearances & Immunisations’.

- Students will provide a completed and signed ‘School of Nursing & Midwifery Declaration’ form to the School’s clinical facilitator at the compulsory on-campus pre-clinical meeting. The ‘School of Nursing & Midwifery Declaration’ form is available at the School’s website, http://nursing.flinders.edu.au/ under ‘Clinical Placements’, ‘Police Clearances & Immunisations’.

- Students will provide a record of immunisation to the supervising clinician at the clinical venue on commencement of their placement.

APPLICATION OF PROTOCOL GUIDELINES

These guidelines have been designed so that the School of Nursing & Midwifery has a strategy in place to ensure that students are informed about the risk of exposure to communicable diseases in the clinical environment before commencing clinical components of their program and to meet the requirements in doing so by industry partners. The School requires that:

- the topic coordinators must advise students of this policy and draw their attention to industry partner requirements for vaccination against listed communicable diseases as stated in ‘Record of Immunisations’, available at the School’s website, http://nursing.flinders.edu.au/ under ‘Clinical Placements’, ‘Police Clearances & Immunisations’.
• students will be responsible for providing requesting industry partners with evidence of their record of vaccination.

• each student is advised of this protocol on the School of Nursing & Midwifery website, available at http://nursing.flinders.edu.au/, under ‘Clinical Placements’, Police Clearances & Immunisations, and understands their responsibility in meeting this.

• the course coordinators will advise students of counselling services available within the university health clinic should they need further advice in making their decision on vaccination options.

The Immunisation Protocol will be revised annually by School Board.