

Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University requires nursing students to submit medical information and updated immunization records. Complying with these requirements safeguards the health and safety of students and clients in the classroom and clinical setting. Students not meeting the specified requirements will be excluded from clinical and/or class. Mercer University Macon students are expected to arrange for transfer of records from Campus Health in Macon and to meet the additional requirements for nursing students.

The Campus Health Office is aware that old medical records are sometimes hard to obtain. Please write your dates on the Immunization Form and attach documentation as needed for older immunizations. Signatures are required of either the individual who has administered the immunization or a photocopy of the record that the information is transcribed from.

Questions should be directed to the Mercer University Atlanta Campus Health Office at 678-547-6130.

All health documents should be returned to the Admissions Office to be forwarded to the course coordinator for Nursing 215 and Nursing 216.

Students are encouraged to read the information below about the specific immunizations that are required for all nursing students.

### **1. PPD (TB Skin Test) This must be a PPD (a tine test is not acceptable)**

*Students must have a Tuberculosis skin test every year.*

- If your TB test results are positive, you have been positive on previous TB tests, or you are allergic to the testing solution, then a copy of your chest x-ray report is required. Please attach.

### **2. Hepatitis B**

All students must start the series of three Hepatitis B Vaccines prior to enrollment. After taking dose one, dose two is taken 30 days later. Dose three is taken 6 months after dose one.

- You must show proof of at least dose one prior to orientation. The second dose is preferred prior to orientation, but not required.
- It is your responsibility to remain on schedule in receiving the second and third dose. Submit proof as these are completed to College Health. If you fail to take your **3** doses on time, this can be done at Campus Health Care Services (CHCS) for a fee, or by your private physician.
- Hepatitis B antibody lab test is required after the third injection to confirm immunity. This can be done at CHCS for a fee, or by your

private physician. If the antibody test does not show immunity, additional shots could be required.

- **PLEASE NOTE:** There are currently two different strengths of Hepatitis B vaccines on the market. Please make sure you are getting Hepatitis B vaccine (Recombinant) 20 mcg/ml if possible, and certainly get that strength if you are 18 years or older. Failure to get adult strength vaccine may cause you to be non-immune.

### **3. Polio (OVP)**

- Students should have completed a Polio booster dose prior to entering elementary school. Please give dates of last booster if available. Any proof is acceptable, even copies of baby records.
- A new immunization is not required unless you are an international student who cannot show proof of childhood immunizations.

### **4. Td (Tetanus-Diphtheria)**

- You must show proof of a booster done within the last 10 years.

### **4. Td (Tetanus-Diphtheria) Cont.**

- If Tetanus-Diphtheria is unavailable due to vaccine shortage, bring a waiver from the health department and get the vaccine ASAP and submit proof.

### **5. Chicken Pox (Varicella Zoster)**

- If possible, give the month and year that you had the chicken pox virus or your approximate age, or the date you received the two doses of your chicken pox vaccine. If uncertain, have a lab test done (Varicella Zoster Titer) to check your immunity and submit results.
- All students must show proof of immunity prior to beginning clinical. If you are not immune, you may not be allowed to go to certain clinical sites.
- Those who are non-immune to chicken pox are recommended to get the vaccine. This is not required, however it is highly recommended. Adults 18 or over must take two doses of chicken pox vaccine.

### **6. MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)**

*If you were born before 1957....*

- You are considered to have natural immunity to measles and mumps.

- Proof should be shown for **Rubella Immunity**- this may be laboratory evidence of immunity or immunization with rubella vaccine at 12 months of age or older.

*If you were born after 1957....*

- You must show proof of **two (2) doses** of the MMR.
- You may have been given individual doses of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines as a child, if so please give the dates for each dose.
- You must show proof of **one (1) MMR** since 1980 (live vaccine).