

Immunization Requirements

Students must complete the mandatory immunization form, which must be signed by a licensed healthcare provider. The form can be found at: www.nova.edu/smc/

The following immunizations / vaccinations are required of students at the Health Professions Division, based on the current CDC recommendations for Health Care Personnel:

Basic Immunizations. Every student is required to have had an immunization for, or show evidence of immunity to, the following diseases before matriculating at Nova Southeastern University:

- Varicella (chicken pox)
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella

Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis: All students are required to have had a Tetanus-Diphtheria (Td) booster within the 10 years prior to matriculation and must maintain immunity by continuing to remain current according to the CDC recommendations for healthcare personnel during their program. Due to the increased risk of pertussis in healthcare settings, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices highly recommends healthcare workers receive a one-time Tdap (ask your healthcare provider), only if it has been more than two years since receiving a Td booster. Therefore, students are encouraged to receive a Tdap if it has been more than two (2) years since receiving a Td booster.

Hepatitis B Vaccine: Because every student at the Health Professions Division can be potentially exposed to this deadly virus, and since many rotation sites require it of personnel, we will require and administer hepatitis B vaccinations for every entering student during the first year with a follow-up blood test showing the presence of hepatitis B antibody.

Students with documented immunity to Hepatitis B must provide such documentation upon matriculation, including a Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Titer.

Tuberculosis: Because of the resurgence of tuberculosis and the possible exposure of students to TB, the Health Professions Division will require and provide a yearly tuberculosis test for every student.

Arrangements: Students may request that the Student Medical Center administer these immunizations. The Student Medical Center will make appointments in as timely a manner as possible. The appointment, once made, becomes an obligation of the student

and must be kept. For students at the SECs, the appointments may be scheduled with the NSU designated physician for their area.

Student Activities Fees: The student activity fees cover Hepatitis B and TB Screening. All other immunizations and health care services are the responsibility of the student.

Failure to Comply: The University is not required to provide alternate sites for clinical practicum or rotations should immunization be a requirement for placement. **Therefore, failure to comply with this policy may result in a student's inability to satisfy the graduation requirements in their program.**