



## GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING DEPARTMENT IMMUNIZATION POLICY

IMMUNIZATION POLICY RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED BY THE NURSING OFFICE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF CONTRACTS WE MUST MAINTAIN WITH CLINICAL SITES THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE EDUCATION OF OUR STUDENT NURSES, AND MUST BE ADHERED TO BY ALL STUDENTS.

ENTRY INTO THE PROGRAM WILL BE DENIED TO ANYONE NOT WILLING TO FOLLOW THE POLICY SINCE WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PLACE YOU IN CLINICALS; THEREFORE YOU WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM.

**Students entering Glen Oak's Nursing program are required to submit evidence of immunizations as follows:**

### MEASLES, MUMPS AND RUBELLA

Students born in or after 1957 must:

- have proof of two (2) MMRs in your file. GOCC policy is in line with the CDC recommendations that state that students and medical personnel should have proof of two (2) MMR live vaccines. If you have no proof of two (2) MMRs you must receive them before entry into the program, the doses should be one month apart, so you would need to have the first one two (2) months before your classes start, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one **NO LATER THAN** 1 month prior to 1<sup>st</sup> day of class.
- Submit \*titer for Rubella showing immunity. Female students who have been under medical supervision for pregnancy may wish to check if there are existing titer reports on file that may be used.
- In lieu of getting the MMR's you may get titers drawn for Measles & Mumps as well as Rubella but they must prove immunity to each disease, otherwise you will need to get the MMRs.

Students born before 1957 must:

- Must have one documented MMR
- Submit \*titer for Rubella showing immunity

**HEPATITIS B** - Proof of Hepatitis B immunity through submission of a Hep B Surface (AB) Anti-Body \*titer is required. If you are just starting the series of three shots, you need to know that **2 shots must be done before you can start clinicals**. The third shot is administered 4 to 6 months later and the titer should be done not later than 4-6 weeks from date of last shot. If you show no immunity at the time your titer is done, you need to re-start the series **OR** sign a waiver stating you do not want another series. Consult your physician before starting another series

**CHICKEN POX** - A signed verification form stating that student has had a hard (fever, many pox marks) case of Chicken Pox must be completed. If you have had a mild case or never had Chicken Pox, you will need to show proof of immunity by \*titer or vaccination.

**TUBERCULIN (TB) TESTING** - A TB test with negative results is required yearly. If there's a positive reading you will need to get a Chest X-ray for your record...showing you do not have TB.

**TDAP** – Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis vaccine has been recommended for healthcare workers. Clinical sites we work with are starting to require this so we've added it to our policy for 2010 entry. If you have had a Td vaccine, the recommendation is to revaccinate after 2 years for TDAP.

**FLU SHOT(S)** - Yearly Influenza Vaccine(s) **IN SEASON** (FALL/WINTER).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Measles vaccinations may temporarily suppress tuberculin reactivity, therefore, tuberculin testing should be postponed 4-6 weeks after receiving an MMR immunization. MMR should not be given to women known to be pregnant or who are considering becoming pregnant within 3 months of immunization.

**\*A titer is a blood test that shows the antibodies sufficient to produce immunity.**

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