Verifications/Immunizations

All nursing students admitted to the nursing program are required to provide documentation of current immunizations/tests and health insurance to the College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines approved vendor prior to beginning the nursing program. Updates or re-certifications must be completed prior to starting classes each semester and may not expire during the semester. It is recommended that students who begin in fall semester plan to update their annual verifications the prior summer and students who begin in spring semester update their annual verifications during the winter holiday break. This will facilitate staying on an annual renewal track where verifications do not expire in mid-semester. This does not include students who have professional licenses, which would be renewed according to the State Board on Nursing schedule for renewal in their respective states or annual influenza verification, which occurs in the fall when the vaccine becomes available.

CDC guidelines for health care workers are followed, along with contracts negotiated with various agencies for clinical placement of students. Documentation of valid immunizations/tests must be on a health care agency form and signed by a licensed health care professional. Clinical agencies may have requirements which include verifications other than those required by the College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines. In those situations, students will be required to meet those individual agency standards prior to clinical placement, which may result in additional costs to students. The UND College of Nursing Requirements includes but are not limited to the following:

**Upon notification of admission:**

- **Tuberculin testing:** A negative two step TB test or two negative TB tests is required. The second step should be administered one to three weeks after the first test. Students who are positive reactors must have a report of one negative chest x-ray on file and a statement signed by self and a health care provider, assuring absence of symptoms. Also accepted is one Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRA including T-Spot or Quantiferon Gold) for TB screening** along with any required follow-up, done prior to clinical within the past 12 months.

- **Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR):** 2 doses of the vaccine or a positive blood titre is required. Students known to be pregnant will not be required to receive the rubella vaccine.

- **Varicella (Chickenpox) Immunization:** No vaccination required with a documented history of the disease by a health care provider. If no history of disease, 2 doses of varicella vaccine or a positive blood titre is required.

- **Hepatitis B Immunization:** 3 doses (at least the first dose given prior to beginning nursing classes) or a positive anti-HBS titre is required. Students may sign a waiver of declination to be vaccinated or tested.

- **Health Insurance:** Students are required to provide their own health insurance coverage and are responsible for any medical expenses incurred while enrolled in the College of Nursing. Written proof of individual insurance or signing of the “Assumption of Responsibility for Health Treatment” form is required. Students are responsible for updating this information.

- **HIPAA and OSHA training:** Students are required to complete HIPAA and OSHA training.

- **Criminal Background Check**

- **For students starting in spring semester: Seasonal Influenza Vaccine:** Completed annually in the fall/winter. Students are notified of due dates in the fall semester. Exceptions are allowed for those with medical contraindications (egg allergy, history of Guillain-Barre within 6 weeks of influenza vaccination, and anaphylaxis after influenza vaccinations).
- **Basic Life-Support (BLS) Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation**
  (Exception: Students in the Anesthesia Program will need to complete and maintain current certification in Advanced Cardio-Pulmonary Life Support (ACLS))

- **Cultural Competency Modules**

**Required Annual Verifications/Immunizations**

**Updated annually (may not expire during the semester with the exception of influenza vaccination):**

- **Tuberculin Testing**: Evidence is required for one TB skin test per every 12 months (assuming the two-step TB skin test/IGRA was done initially), and evidence of required follow-up for a positive TB skin test**.
  **Exception**: exceptions to the annual TB skin test would be a documented history of a previously positive TB skin test. In that case, the individual must be assessed annually by their health care provider to rule out signs or symptoms of active TB disease.

- **OSHA Training**: OSHA training is required annually

- **Seasonal Influenza Vaccine**: Completed annually in the fall/winter. Students are notified of due dates in the fall semester. Exceptions are allowed for those with medical contraindications (egg allergy, history of Guillain-Barre within 6 weeks of influenza vaccination, and anaphylaxis after influenza vaccinations). A signed waiver from a health care provider must be provided in these cases.

- **Criminal Background Check**

**Updated every other year**

- **Cardio-Pulmonary-Resuscitation Certification (CPR)**: Students must maintain verification of current CPR certification by the American Heart Association or American Red Cross in Basic Life Support for the healthcare provider. The only online course CPR course accepted is the HeartSaver class through the American Heart Association. Certification training must include infant, child, and adult CPR as well as both 1- and 2-person CPR. Written documentation must include the expiration date of current certification. Renewal of CPR needs to be completed every 2 years.

- **Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)** certification must be current and completed every 2 years. (Anesthesia students only)