

# **SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

## **Student Health Policy**

The following policy has been developed from the UAB Immunization Policy (March 20, 2002), and serves to protect both students and patients. The required immunizations depend on the type of program in which the student is enrolled. Requirements differ for students who are involved in direct patient care versus students who are not involved directly with patients or patient specimens. Students are required to submit documentation of immunization to UAB Student Health Service. Failure to do so will result in a hold placed on their registration.

### **SHP Programs**

- Type 1: Programs involving direct patient care and/or analysis of laboratory specimens:
- Biotechnology, Medical Technology, Cytotechnology, Radiation Therapy, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Respiratory Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Occupational Therapy (entry level), Physical Therapy (DPT), Dietetic Internship, Nurse Anesthesia, Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Genetic Counseling, Clinical Nutrition (MS)
- Type 2: Programs that do not involve direct patient care:
- Health Sciences, Health Information Management, Health Administration (MSHA, PhD), Health Informatics, Nutrition Sciences (PhD)
- Type 3: Programs in which students spend limited or no time on campus and do not involve direct patient care:
- Post-professional Programs in Physical Therapy (DScPT), Occupational Therapy (Post-professional MS), Low Vision Rehabilitation, Health Administration (MSHA – Exec, DSc)

\*Type 2 and 3 students, and students who are more than 100 miles from UAB for an entire semester and do not have Viva Health insurance are eligible to apply for a waiver of the Student Health Services Fee.

**Students in Type 1 programs must complete the following:**

1. Complete the Student Health Service's Health Form and provide proof of hospitalization insurance.
2. Provide proof of a physical exam within one year matriculation date.
3. Provide proof of two viable Rubeola containing vaccines. A titer test providing positive immunity to the MMR (Rubeola, Rubella, and Mumps) can replace this requirement only if the individual can show immunity to all three diseases.
4. Provide proof of immunization to varicella (chickenpox).
5. Provide proof of current TB skin test (within 3 months of matriculation). A two-step test is required prior to participation in clinical environments, and a one-step test annually thereafter.
6. Provide proof of a tetanus booster given within 10 years prior to matriculation date.
7. Provide proof of immunity to Hepatitis B (initial three vaccinations and a positive titer).

**Students enrolled in Type 2 programs must complete the following:**

1. Complete the Student Health Service's Health Form and provide proof of hospitalization insurance.
2. Provide proof of two viable Rubeola containing vaccines. A titer test providing positive immunity to the MMR (Rubeola, Rubella, and Mumps) can replace this requirement only if the individual can show immunity to all three diseases.
3. Provide proof of current TB skin test (within 3 months of matriculation).
4. Provide proof of a tetanus booster given within 10 years prior to matriculation date.

**Students enrolled in Type 3 programs must complete the following:**

1. Provide proof of hospitalization insurance.
2. Provide proof of two viable Rubeola containing vaccines. A titer test providing positive immunity to the MMR (Rubeola, Rubella, and Mumps) can replace this requirement only if the individual can show immunity to all three diseases.
3. Provide proof of current TB skin test (within 3 months of matriculation).
4. Provide proof of a tetanus booster given within 10 years prior to matriculation date.

Students who transfer from one SHP program to another within a calendar year will not be required to repeat the health form and physical examination. Students must complete all requirements of the new program in which they are enrolled.