The following policies have been developed from the UAB Immunization Policy (12/4/00), and serve 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. Failure to do so will result in a hold placed on their registration.

SHRP Programs

Type 1: Programs involving direct patient care and/or analysis of laboratory specimens:

Medical Technology, Cytotechnology, Radiography, Radiation Therapy, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Respiratory Therapy, Surgical Physician Assistant, Occupational therapy (entry level), Physical Therapy (professional), Dietetic Internship, Nurse Anesthesia, Clinical Laboratory Sciences

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:

Health Sciences and Health Information Management online students (totally online); Postprofessional programs in Physical Therapy (DScPT), Occupational Therapy (post professional MS), Low Vision Rehabilitation, Health Administration (MSHA-exec), Clinical Nutrition (MS)

*Type 3 students are eligible to apply for a waiver of the Student Health Service 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 matriculation physical exam within one year of their 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 or immunity 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 current tetanus status (a tetanus booster given within the past 10 years).
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 a matriculation physical exam within one year of their 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 or immunity to varicella (chickenpox).
5. Provide proof of current TB skin test (within 3 months of matriculation).
6. Provide proof of current tetanus status (a tetanus booster given within the past 10 years).

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.
4. Provide proof of immunization or immunity to varicella (chickenpox).
5. Provide proof of current TB skin test (within 3 months of matriculation).
6. Provide proof of current tetanus status (a tetanus booster given within the past 10 years).

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