

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

VACCINATION POLICY

QUESTIONS

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the appropriate Program Director/Coordinator or Dean of the Engelstad School of Health Sciences.

PROGRAMS AFFECTED

A student enrolled in any of the following health sciences programs is a *potential candidate for this policy or portions of this policy*, depending on the particular course of study: Cardiorespiratory Sciences, Contact Lens Technician, Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Emergency Medical Technician, Health Information Technology, Medical Coding, Medical Laboratory Assistant, Medical Laboratory Scientist, Medical Laboratory Technician, Medical Office Assisting, Medical Office Practices, Medical Transcription, Nursing (RN), Nursing Assistant, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Ophthalmic Dispensing, Optical Laboratory Technician, Paramedic Medicine, Patient Registration, Pharmacy Technician, Phlebotomy, Physical Therapist Assistant, Practical Nursing, Radiation Therapy Technology, Surgical Technologist, Veterinary Technology.

***** PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS VARY *****

Consult with your Program Director and/or advisor for specific program requirements and requirement deadlines.

IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR HIS/HER SPECIFIC PROGRAM OF STUDY.

Vaccine	Required Dosage 4 weeks = 1 month	Alternative
Hepatitis A <i>(Check with program to determine if needed)</i>	2 doses <i>minimum 6 months apart</i>	Written <i>documentation*</i> of 2 doses of the vaccine, a written documented history of the disease based on diagnosis or verification of the disease by a healthcare provider or laboratory blood testing affirming serologic evidence of immunity.
Hepatitis B	3 doses #1 #2 - <i>minimum 4 weeks after #1</i> #3 - <i>minimum 8 weeks after #2</i> (#3 must be separated from #1 by at least 16 weeks)	Written <i>documentation*</i> of 3 doses of the vaccine, a written documented history of the disease based on diagnosis or verification of the disease by a healthcare provider or laboratory blood testing affirming serologic evidence of immunity.
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	2 doses <i>(minimum 4 weeks apart)</i>	Written <i>documentation*</i> of 2 doses of the vaccine, a written documented history of the disease based on diagnosis or verification of the disease by a healthcare provider or laboratory blood testing affirming serologic evidence of immunity.

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Vaccine	Required Dosage 4 weeks = 1 month	Alternative
Chicken Pox (Varicella)	2 doses (minimum 4 weeks apart)	Written <i>documentation*</i> of 2 doses of the vaccine, a written documented history of the disease based on diagnosis or verification of the disease by a healthcare provider or laboratory blood testing affirming serologic evidence of immunity.
Tetanus/Diphtheria/ Pertussis (Tdap)	1 dose (within last 10 years)	Written, <i>documented*</i> receipt of one dose of vaccine within last 10 years
<i>As of Jan 2011, Td no longer accepted.</i>	<i>Currently enrolled students are exempt from this Jan 2011 rule.</i>	
Rabies (Veterinary Technology students only)	3 doses (admin on day 0, 7 exactly, #3 on 28 th day)	Written <i>documentation*</i> of 3 doses of the vaccine.

*** Documentation requires health records that show specific dates of the disease based on medical diagnosis or specific dates when the vaccine was administered. Health records may be in the form of *original* vaccination records (or copies of the original records) or the required information may be provided by the *original treating physician* on an official letterhead, prescription form or the like with signature of the original treating physician.
‘School records’ or family testimonials are not acceptable.**

EXEMPTIONS to Vaccination Policy

- 1) ****Medical Exemption** - Requires a signed statement from a licensed physician (MD or DO) that the student has a medical condition that does not permit him/her to be immunized. If the medical condition is temporary, the student will be expected to comply with this immunization policy when the exemption expires. Such an exemption request will be reviewed by a committee chaired by the Dean, Engelstad School of Health Sciences. Documentation will be kept on file in the individual program office.
- 2) ****Religious exemption** - Requires a full explanation of the religious belief. Such an exemption request will be reviewed by a committee chaired by the Dean, Engelstad School of Health Sciences. Documentation will be kept on file in the individual program office.

**** A student claiming a medical or religious exemption may not be able to complete clinical portions of a health sciences program required for graduation. A consultation with the Program Director PRIOR to enrolling in a health sciences program is required of any student claiming a medical or religious exemption.**

NOTE

The MMR and varicella vaccines should not be given BEFORE the TB skin test as these vaccines may cause inaccurate test results. If MMR and varicella are given BEFORE the TB skin test, a minimum of 4 weeks must separate the vaccine from the skin test. **MMR and varicella vaccines can be given at the same time, on the same day, or after the TB skin test has been evaluated without interfering with the TB skin test result.**

The hepatitis A, hepatitis B, tetanus and rabies vaccines can be given any time and do not interfere with TB skin test results.

Consult with your healthcare provider to coordinate services.