

Master of Health Sciences – Nursing Vaccination & Immunity Requirements

The University of Canterbury is committed to ensuring each Master of Health Sciences Nursing student and teaching staff have met the accepted occupational related immunisation standards of practice for healthcare professionals in New Zealand prior to undertaking all clinical placements.

To complete this process:

1. Review the requirements below and gather any existing vaccination documentation you have then book an appointment with your healthcare professional to carry out the additional expected vaccinations and or tests. If you are not currently registered with a healthcare professional students can register at [UC Health Centre](#).
2. Once the semester starts you will receive a link system where you can upload all documentary evidence prior to your first clinical placement. Your data will be collected and held in accordance with the University of Canterbury's [Information, Records and Data](#) and [Privacy Policies](#).
3. If full evidence of vaccination status is not provided by the end of the month in which the student starts the programme, clinical placement allocation cannot be completed. This may delay student's placement, impact their ability to meet course requirements, and potentially affect their overall progression in the program.
4. If you have any questions or would like further information regarding this process, please email FHEAplacements@canterbury.ac.nz.

Infectious Disease	Vaccination/Immunity Evidence Required
<p>SARS-Cov-2 (COVID-19)</p> <p>Vaccine mandates for health and care workers have ended. However, some placements with vulnerable populations may still require students to be vaccinated due to their responsibilities under health and safety legislation.</p>	<p>Documented administration of COVID-19 vaccinations.</p>
<p>Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR)</p>	<p>Documented administration of two (2) MMR vaccinations. (Can be childhood vaccinations).</p> <p>or</p> <p>Serological evidence of immunity or confirmation of a previous diagnosis.</p>
<p>Varicella zoster</p>	<p>Documented administration of two (2) Varicella vaccinations. (Can be childhood vaccinations).</p> <p>or</p> <p>Serological evidence of immunity.</p> <p>or</p>

	Documented verification of a history of Varicella zoster by a health professional. i.e. can your health professional confirm a previous diagnosis of Chicken Pox or Herpes zoster (Shingles).
Diphtheria, Tetanus, & Pertussis	Documented administration of one (1) dTap/Boostrix vaccination within the last ten (10) years.
Hepatitis B	<p>Documented administration of three (3) Hepatitis B vaccinations. (Can be childhood vaccinations).</p> <p>and</p> <p>Serology test for Hep B antigens and Hep B antibodies.</p> <p>If the test shows you as not immune:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) follow up administration of one (1) additional Hepatitis B vaccination plus a repeat serology test one (1) month later. b) If the repeat serology test is still negative, administration of two (2) more doses of Hepatitis B vaccination, one (1) month apart to complete a second course of three (3) Hepatitis B vaccination doses. c) Repeat serology test one (1) month after the final dose. <p>If three (3) Hepatitis B vaccinations have not previously been administered complete the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a full vaccination course (three (3) vaccinations) each administered one (1) month apart. b) Serology test for Hep B antigens and Hep B antibodies one (1) month after the last administered vaccination.
Tuberculosis (TB)	<p>Mantoux Test.</p> <p>NB: A positive result will require a follow up with your healthcare provider.</p>