Faculty of Health – Te Kaupeka Oranga

Master of Health Sciences – Nursing
Vaccination & Immunity Requirements

The University of Canterbury is committed to ensuring all Master of Health Sciences Nursing students and teaching staff meet the accepted occupationally 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. Arrange an appointment with your healthcare professional or a blood testing and collection centre to complete any additional required vaccinations and/or tests. Applicants and students are encouraged to begin submitting their documentation as early as possible to ensure all requirements are met within the required timeframe.

2. During the programme application process, applicants and pre-enrolled students will be provided with a link to an online form to upload documentation confirming their vaccination and immunity status for review. This information will be collected and held in accordance with the University of Canterbury's Information, Records and Data and Privacy Policies.

3. All required vaccination and immunity documentation must be provided by the end of the second week of the programme. Failure to provide the required evidence by this deadline may prevent clinical placement allocations from being finalised. This may delay a student's placement and potentially impact their progression through the programme.

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**
SARS-Cov-2 (COVID-19) 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.	Documented administration of COVID-19 vaccinations.
Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR)	Documented administration of two (2) MMR vaccinations. (Can be childhood vaccinations). **or** Serological evidence of immunity or confirmation of a previous diagnosis.
Varicella zoster	Documented administration of two (2) Varicella vaccinations. (Can be childhood vaccinations). **or**

	Serological evidence of immunity. **or** Documented verification of a history of Varicella zoster by a health professional (i.e. confirmation of a previous diagnosis of chickenpox or herpes zoster [shingles]).
Diphtheria, Tetanus, & Pertussis	Documented administration of one (1) dTap/Boostrix vaccination within the last ten (10) years.
Hepatitis B	Documented administration of three (3) Hepatitis B vaccinations. (Can be childhood vaccinations). **and** Serology test for Hep B antigens and Hep B antibodies. **If the test shows you as not immune:** 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. **If three (3) Hepatitis B vaccinations have not previously been administered, complete the following:** a) Complete a full vaccination course of three (3) vaccinations, each administered one (1) month apart. b) Complete a serology test for Hep B antigens and Hep B antibodies one (1) month after the last administered vaccination.
Tuberculosis (TB)	QuantiFERON-Gold is preferred. Mantoux – please be aware that this test is not recommended due to its interference with BCG vaccination. NB: A positive result will require a follow-up with your healthcare provider.