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1. Purpose

All clinical settings require proof of a specified immunization program prior to permitting students to enter the clinical area. The Faculty of Nursing has a responsibility to protect the health of the public by ensuring that all students have demonstrated the absence of active disease or the confirmation of adequate immunity. This policy provides the Faculty of Nursing with a clear course of action if a student does not submit the necessary information.

2. Scope

All students enrolled in the baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs.

3. Responsibility

Dean, Faculty of Nursing

4. Policy

All students entering the UPEI Nursing Programs are required to submit proof of immunization status to the Dean of Nursing prior to the start of their first semester in the Faculty of Nursing, UPEI.

Students shall not be permitted to enter clinical practice until a complete and up to date immunization record has been submitted and approved, as mandated by clinical sites. The <u>UPEI Immunization Form</u> (held and updated by the UPEI Health and Wellness Centre) will be followed for this process. Some clinical sites may require additional immunizations that students will need to receive. Documentation of this must be submitted.

The faculty member responsible for reviewing prerequisites for students admitted to the nursing program will provide a list of students with outstanding immunization records to the Course Coordinator of the student's first clinical course. The Course Coordinator will inform the students with outstanding immunizations that they are not approved to enter the clinical setting until the UPEI Immunization Form is completed and submitted to their file. **Students may not successfully complete a course without completing the clinical practice hours.**

Any additional requirements or annual immunizations, as advised by the PEI Chief Public Health Office or clinical practice sites, would be adhered to by students.

5.Review

This policy will be reviewed in January 2030 and every five years thereafter, or whenever deemed necessary.

6.References

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