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1. **Purpose**

All clinical settings require proof of a specified immunization program prior to allowing students to enter the clinical area. In addition, the prevalence of tuberculosis has increased in certain populations. This increases the risk that applicants may have been exposed prior to admission. The School of Nursing has a responsibility to protect the health of the public by ensuring that all students have demonstrated no active disease, or adequate immunity. This policy provides the School 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 nursing program (2 year program and 4 year program).

3. **Responsibility**

Dean, School of Nursing

4. **Policy**

All students entering the UPEI Nursing Program or transferring from other programs are required to submit proof of immunization status to the Dean of Nursing prior to the start of the semester. The Dean forwards the documentation to the Primary Health Care Nurse at the Health Centre.

Students shall not be permitted to enter clinical practice until a complete and up to date immunization record has been submitted and approved by the Primary Health Care Nurse, Health Centre.

Within two weeks of the beginning of each semester, the Primary Health Care Nurse will provide the Nursing 101 and/or Nursing 101X Course Coordinator with a list of first year students who have immunization records outstanding. The N101 and/or N101X Course Coordinator will inform these students that they are not eligible to enter the clinical setting until such time as the information is complete. **Whereas clinical practice hours are a requirement of each clinical course, students may not successfully complete a course without completing the clinical practice hours.**

5. **Review**

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