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**1. Purpose**

To ensure the health and safety of interns, placement populations, and the public by requiring that all students enrolled in the UPEI Integrated Dietetic Internship Program have up-to-date immunizations and comply with health protection measures prior to and during their placements.

**2. Scope**

This policy applies to all students accepted into the UPEI Integrated Dietetic Internship Program and covers all practicum placements in community, educational, and healthcare settings, whether within Prince Edward Island or out-of-province/internationally.

**3. Responsibility**

The Integrated Dietetic Internship Program Director and Professional Practice Coordinator are responsible for:

1. Ensuring students receive the “Pre-placement Immunization Form” upon acceptance into the program;
2. Monitoring the completion and submission of all required immunization documentation;
3. Maintaining secure records of student immunization forms;
4. Reviewing and updating this policy at least every two years in alignment with University of Prince Edward Island Policy admhrdohs0006, PEI Department of Health and Wellness and CPHO recommendations, and NACI immunization guidance for healthcare workers;
5. Reviewing and approving valid exemption requests on a case-by-case basis.

Interns are responsible for:

- Completing and submitting the required immunization documentation by the stated deadlines;
- Attending appointments for blood work, TB testing, and required immunizations;
- Informing the Professional Practice Coordinator of any medical or other exemptions and providing supporting documentation as required.

#### 4. Policy

All students accepted into UPEI's Integrated Dietetic Internship Program must:

- Have all immunizations listed on the [UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS](#) form up to date and submitted to the Professional Practice Coordinator one month prior to the start of FN-3001;
- Follow all health protection policies in place at the placement institution, including any additional immunization or safety requirements.

#### 5. Procedures

Upon acceptance into the UPEI Integrated Dietetic Internship Program, students will be provided with a copy of the **UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS** form.

Students must complete and return the form to the Professional Practice Coordinator one month prior to the start of FN-3001.

Students who fail to submit completed documentation by the deadline will not be permitted to begin their placements. Delays may result in loss of placement opportunities.

Students are advised to complete required blood work at the University Health Clinic.

Once blood work results are available, students will schedule an appointment with Public Health Nursing for TB testing and completion of any required immunizations. Students must bring all immunization documentation to this appointment.

Student immunization records will be securely stored in a locked cabinet in the Professional Practice Coordinator's office or stored on their professional shared drive.

#### **Valid Exemption Requests:**

- a. Consideration for exemption from vaccination or immunization will be made on a case-by-case basis, generally for pre-existing medical conditions.
- b. Interns must submit a written exemption request, with supporting documentation, two months prior to the start of placements.
- c. Exemptions may impact placement availability, timing, and may result in off-island or alternative placement arrangements.

## **6. Review**

This policy will be reviewed at least every two years by the Integrated Dietetic Internship Program Director and Professional Practice Coordinator to ensure alignment with current University, provincial, and national health and immunization standards.