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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 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 undergraduate and graduate nursing programs

3. **Responsibility**

Dean, Faculty of Nursing

4. **Policy**

All students entering the UPEI Nursing Programs 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.

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. Additionally, the annual influenza immunization is normally required for all students as soon as it is available, prior to entering clinical practice sites.

Within two weeks of the beginning of each semester, faculty responsible for reviewing required prerequisites from students upon acceptance to the nursing program will provide the Nursing 1010 and/or Nursing 1030 Course Coordinator with a list of first year students who have immunization records outstanding. The N1010 and/or N1030 Course Coordinator will inform the students who are not approved to enter the clinical setting until such time as the information is complete. **Students may not successfully complete a course without completing the clinical practice hours.**

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