Policy Title: Student Health Services

Policy

Based on the School’s concern for student health and for the welfare of clients with whom students come in contact, the following health requirements are in effect:

1. All newly admitted students will submit a physical exam health report and a medical release slip completed by a health care provider to UT Student Health Services. Students may have their health exams completed at UT Student Health Services, Medical School, 6431 Fannin, Suite G.510, Houston, Texas 77030, 713-500-5171; 713-500-0605 (fax). Students may use the exam form provided by the School of Nursing.

2. Students must provide proof of required immunizations prior to enrollment. Required immunizations include Diphtheria-Tetanus, Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella. All students must either give a history of having had varicella or offer a positive varicella titers. Students with negative varicella titers must receive the varicella vaccine series. All students must have started the Hepatitis B series prior to enrollment. The immunization record form (available at: http://registrar.uth.tmc.edu/Forms/immuform.pdf) should be completed and returned to UT Student Health Services.

3. Positive results of the TB skin test must be either (1) followed up by a chest X-ray, or (2) accompanied by a statement from a health care provider identifying the reason for the positive test and any needed treatment and/or follow-up. All students with a positive TB skin test must have a medical release statement prior to clinical practice.

4. Students must conform to individual clinical agency policies regarding injuries and infectious diseases (such as needle stick, use of precautions, reporting possible exposure, and refraining from working when ill). Emergency care will be provided to students by the clinical agency. Cost for that care is the student's responsibility. A Report of Injury to a Student form (located in the Office of Student Affairs) shall be completed and forwarded to the Office of Institutional Affairs.

5. All School of Nursing students shall conform to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston policy on infections from blood-born pathogens.