



Immunisation Requirements for Nursing Work Experience Students

South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) strives to ensure students are protected against common diseases they may be exposed to when caring for patients during their clinical placement, and vice versa.

It is a compulsory requirement to comply with the NSW Ministry of Health's Policy Directive [PD2020 017 Occupational Assessment, Screening and Vaccination Against Specified Infectious Diseases](#) before commencing a work experience placement.

It is recommended that parents/guardians support the students through this process to ensure all documentation is completed within stipulated timeframe. It is often noted that General Practitioners advise students that the forms are not required to be completed, however, **IT IS A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR STUDYING/WORKING WITH NSW HEALTH THAT ALL FORMS ARE DULY COMPLETED BY THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER.**

Attachments to this document:

1. Vaccination Record Card for Health Care Workers and Students
2. Appendix 6: Undertaking / Declaration Form
3. Appendix 7: Tuberculosis (TB) Assessment Tool
4. Appendix 9: Hepatitis B Vaccination Declaration (this form is only required if you are unable to provide evidence of your Hepatitis B Vaccination. Your GP will be able to identify this for you).

Actions for Students to complete:

1. If you don't already have the coloured immunisation cards, please send an email to SWSLHD-CEWDNursingWE@health.nsw.gov.au to request your **High school (Year 7) coloured immunisation cards**. You will need to provide your full name, date of birth and school/s attended.
2. If you don't already have your Immunisation Register Report, please download the report from the [MyGov](#) website. Save this report electronically.
3. Make an appointment to see your General Practitioner (GP) in order to complete all documentation.
4. Please ensure you take the following documentation with you for the appointment:
 1. NSW Health Blue Book (or equivalent)
 2. High school (Year 7) coloured immunisation cards.
 3. Immunisation register report (download from the [MyGov](#) website)
 4. Vaccination Record Card for Health Care Workers and Students. The reverse side of the Vaccination record Card provides the information you need to establish your evidence of immunity. Please present this card for instructions to your GP during your appointment.
 5. Appendix 6: Undertaking / Declaration Form
 6. Appendix 7: Tuberculosis (TB) Assessment Tool
 7. Appendix 9: Hepatitis B Vaccination Declaration (take the form with you. You may not need it, but it is good to include it if required)
5. Submit the completed and signed documents via email to SWSEWD at SWSLHD-CEWDNursingWE@health.nsw.gov.au along with all the other information outlined in the Information and Application Packages. You only have to submit the following documents:



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- a. Vaccination Record Card for Health Care Workers and Students.
 - b. Copy of the most recent Serology results (blood test results) that your GP would have asked you to complete.
 - c. Appendix 6: Undertaking / Declaration Form.
 - d. Appendix 7: Tuberculosis (TB) Assessment Tool.
 - e. Appendix 9: Hepatitis B Vaccination Declaration (only if required).

TO NOTE:

Your GP may need to do blood tests (serology) to determine your immunity. If the blood test shows lack of immunity, you may be required to have further vaccination. Please check costs prior to the appointment with your GP.

It is important that you obtain enough information to provide evidence of vaccination. **Evidence of vaccination** must be recorded on the Vaccination Record Card with the following details:

1. Administering GP full name, signature, date specific vaccine given and official provider stamp at the time of vaccine administration.
2. Batch no.
3. Serological/blood test results recorded on the card as numerical values or positive/negative as applicable.

Without adequate information, SWSCEWD will not be able to establish that you have had the correct vaccination, or that it is safe for you to undertake your work experience.