All entering School of Nursing students are required to submit current evidence of their health documentation **by July 1**. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the student being dropped from the program. All continuing students must maintain the currency of their records throughout the program or they will not be allowed to continue with progression/completion of the program or clinical participation. It is the responsibility of the student to know which health care requirements must be renewed, and renew the requirement on or prior to their expiration date.

Students are responsible for arrangements and associated costs of all health requirements. UW-Madison University Health Services are available to currently enrolled UW-Madison students to assist students in meeting these requirements. (Note: Some immunizations may require a fee).

**Special Note for Students on Clinical Rotations**

Students on clinical rotations in health care facilities are at higher risk than the general population for acquiring communicable diseases such as hepatitis B and tuberculosis. A health care worker or student who has one of these diseases may, in turn, infect other personnel and patients. Such infections established in a health care facility are serious in their potential for medical and possibly legal complications. Any student who is exposed to a communicable disease is required to report the exposure to their clinical instructor. Hospitals (including University of Wisconsin Hospital), health care agencies and providers require evidence of immunization or natural immunity against those diseases that can be prevented.

**Health Recommendations**

In addition to the School of Nursing health requirements, additional immunizations are strongly suggested. Students in the health care professions are at increased risk of exposure to communicable diseases and should review their immunization status. We encourage students to comply with the recommendations below for their personal health.

1. **Influenza:** Students are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated against influenza each year. For many agencies it is required. Influenza immunizations are available at no charge through University Health Services. Special immunization clinics are often available at the Clinical Science Center and other sites throughout the campus.
2. **Polio:** Routine immunization against polio is recommended. Childhood immunization is sufficient. Adult immunization is not routinely necessary.
3. **Meningococcal Disease:** A vaccine is available for meningococcal disease. Students should consult with their health care provider for more information about the vaccine.
4. **Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination:** Vaccination is recommended for all women up to age 26 without a medical contraindication. Students should consult with their health care provider for more information about the vaccine.

Students who have questions about health, either physical and/or emotional, are expected to seek care promptly, and are encouraged to go to UW-Madison University Health Services or their own providers. Students are strongly urged to have health care insurance while enrolled at UW-Madison, either through a private insurance company or through a University offered insurance plan (SHIP). Please note that enrollment in the SHIP Plan is mandatory for all international students and their dependents residing in this country, unless they can provide evidence of continuous enrollment in a health insurance plan with comparable benefits.

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