Policies on Student Health

Student Health Requirements for Matriculation

Mandatory Student Health Records
A complete physical examination, immunization history, and personal health history are required for admission to the School of Medicine and must be received by the Employee Health Services prior to matriculation.

Mandatory Immunizations
While North Carolina Immunization Rules 15ANCAC 19A.0400, effective July 1, 1994, require that specific immunizations be documented within thirty (30) days following enrollment, all immunization obligations must be fulfilled before matriculation. Failure to comply will result in suspension until immunization or documentation is complete.

Wake Forest School of Medicine’s requirements exceed the state laws because it follows the guidelines provided by the Immunizations Practices Advisory Committee of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for persons working in health-related occupations [HHS Publication No. (CDC) 84-8017].

Complete up-to-date information regarding the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act may be found at http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html. Students may file with the U.S. Department of Education any concerns involving alleged failures to comply with the requirements of the law. A summary of the immunizations required by the state for matriculation will be reported annually through the Registrar at Wake Forest University Reynolda Campus to the NC Department of Health and Human Services.

Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus (Tdap)
- Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) booster within past 10 years
- Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td) booster within past 10 years is acceptable if medically unable to receive Tdap (must provide medical documentation if unable to receive Tdap)

Rubeola (Measles)
- Two (2) doses of Measles vaccine or two (2) doses of MMR vaccine given after first birthday and at least one (1) month apart, or
- Laboratory evidence of immunity (Rubeola/Measles titer)

Mumps
- Two (2) doses of Mumps vaccine or two (2) doses of MMR vaccine given after first birthday and at least one (1) month apart, or
- Laboratory evidence of immunity (Mumps titer)

Rubella (German Measles)
- One (1) dose of Rubella vaccine or one (1) dose of MMR vaccine given after first birthday, or
- Laboratory evidence of immunity (Rubella titer)

Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- Two (2) doses of Varicella/Chicken Pox vaccine or
- Laboratory evidence of immunity (Varicella titer)
- Documented history of Varicella disease will not be accepted.
**Note:** If any of the above titers result as negative, MUST also provide documented proof of appropriate dose/s of corresponding vaccine.

**Hepatitis B – “At Risk”**
- Hepatitis B vaccine is for individuals who may reasonably anticipate contact of the skin, eye, or mucous membrane with human blood or body fluid. These individuals have job activities or work areas that may place them “at high risk” for certain communicable diseases.
- All WFBMC medical and clinical Healthcare Professionals (and Students) are considered to be “at risk.”
- Hepatitis B vaccination process is a three-shot series with follow-up laboratory evidence (Hepatitis B Surface Antibody) confirming immune status. While most individuals obtain immunity from the first series, some individuals may not. Individuals who do not obtain immunity from the first vaccination series repeat the vaccination series and follow-up laboratory evidence.
- All or part of the Hepatitis B series and laboratory follow-up may be received outside of Wake Forest School of Medicine, but documentation **must be** given to Employee Health prior to matriculation.

**Continuing Student Health Requirements:**

**Influenza (Seasonal)**
- Students are required to receive the influenza vaccine annually.
- Influenza season generally noted as October 1 – March 31, or as determined by the WFBMC Influenza Immunization Task Force.

**Mandatory Screening**

**Tuberculosis**
- All students must participate in baseline and annual TB Screenings.
- A baseline and annual TB screening is not required for the student with documentation of a positive TB history or positive TB Screen history by a TB skin test (TST) or IGRA (TB Blood Test).
  - A positive TST history must also include millimeter measurement (mm).
- Students with a positive history will complete a signs/symptoms questionnaire and are to provide documentation of a Chest X-Ray with reading/results within the 12 months prior to the matriculation date and documentation of any treatment received.