ADMISSION TO THE NURSING UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME AY2020-2021

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Besides the conditions indicated in the offer letter, admission to Nursing is also subject to the following health requirements. These additional requirements are mandated by the Ministry of Health (MOH) and apply to all healthcare workers, inclusive of nursing students.

1) Mumps, Measles and Rubella Viruses

All prospective medical/nursing students should be immune (from documented infection) or fully vaccinated. Students should produce official records of previous vaccinations or serological screening results or physician documented diagnoses of previous infection as proof of immunity. Self-declaration of previous infection is not sufficient.

Students may begin classes without documentary evidence of immunization for MMR if he/she has a letter from a physician stating that there is a reason why he/she cannot receive the vaccine.

2) Varicella (Chickenpox)

All students should be immune or vaccinated. Students should either be screened for immunity, or produce official records of previous vaccinations as proof of immunity. Self-declaration is only acceptable if the history of varicella was based on physician diagnosis. When past history of varicella is uncertain, a serology test should be carried out to confirm immunity against varicella.

Students may begin classes without documentary evidence of immunization for Chickenpox if
i. He/she has a letter from a physician stating that there is a reason why he/she cannot receive the vaccine;
ii. He/she concerned has documented evidence of two administrations of the varicella vaccine (non-responders).

3) Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis

All prospective medical/nursing students should receive tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccination, if they have not previously received the Tdap vaccination.

Students who have previously received Tdap vaccination should receive a booster dose of Td every 10 years. If Td is unavailable, it may be replaced with Tdap.

Those who have not previously received tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis (Tdap) should be vaccinated with a single dose of Tdap, regardless of the interval since the last dose of tetanus or diphtheria-containing vaccine.

Documented proof of vaccination with Tdap or Td in the last 10 years would be acceptable as evidence of immunity. Self-declaration is not considered as proof of immunity.

4) Blood Borne Diseases (BBD)

- Hepatitis B

All prospective medical/nursing students should be screened for Hepatitis B carriage. Hepatitis B negative students who do not have documented serological evidence of immunity against Hepatitis B (i.e. anti-HBs ≥ 10 mIU/mL) must be vaccinated with the primary course series (i.e. 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine). A post-
vaccination serology test should be conducted to determine the concentration of protective antibodies i.e. anti-HBs of at least 10mIU/ mL, one month after the last Hepatitis B injection.

- **Hepatitis C**

  All medical/nursing students should be screened for Hepatitis C.

- **HIV**

  All medical/nursing students should be screened for HIV.

Students enrolled in courses that might require them to perform or assist in exposure prone procedures (EPPs) must be screened. Screening should be carried out before final admission into the course, as results may affect students’ career choices. Students tested positive for Hep B, Hep C and/or HIV will be counselled to understand that their areas of practice will be restricted to non-exposure prone procedure areas.

All candidates may have their screenings and immunisations done at the University Health Centre (UHC) Level 1, 20 Lower Kent Ridge Road, Singapore 119080. The deadlines by which the screening and immunisation must be completed are set out in the table below.

In light of COVID-19 and current Circuit Breaker measures, please note that:

1. UHC will suspend all non-essential medical services from 7/4/2020 through 1/6/2020.
2. Appointments for pre-admission medical screenings will be delayed. Please check UHC’s website (http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc) for regular updates.
3. All visitors to UHC will need to wear their own mask.
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<td>Varicella Zoster (Chickenpox)</td>
<td>13 July 2020</td>
<td>• 2 doses; minimum interval of 4-8 weeks apart</td>
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<td>• 2 doses; minimum interval of at least 4 weeks apart</td>
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<td>• Students who have only received one dose of MMR during childhood should be vaccinated with second dose of MMR</td>
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<td>Mumps Measles Rubella (MMR)</td>
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<td>• 1 dose of Tdap, if students have not previously received it, followed by Td/Tdap booster once every 10 years</td>
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Students are to commence submissions of the screenings and vaccination records for each of the above health requirements at the University Health Centre (UHC) by the stipulated deadlines. Students who do not comply with this requirement will not be allowed to attend clinical practicum in hospitals.

For enquiries, students may contact UHC at 6601 5035 or email uhc_health@nus.edu.sg. For more information about UHC, students may visit the UHC website at http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc.

The above Health Requirements are subject to change. All updates will be available on the School of Medicine Corporate Website at https://medicine.nus.edu.sg/admissions/health-requirements/.
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1) Compulsory Clinical Practicum will be arranged EVERY semester vacation throughout the programme.  
**Please keep the dates available.**

Year 1 Sem 1: Two weeks clinical posting either from 7 Dec to 19 Dec 2020 or 21 Dec to 31 Dec 2020  
Year 1 Sem 2: Six weeks clinical posting during May-Jun 2021 semester vacation

2) Nursing Uniform for Clinical Practicum, and Scrub for Clinical Laboratory sessions

   a) Online Measurement and Ordering
      - Measurement and ordering of nursing uniform and scrub will be done online.  
      - Students will be notified via email (NUS email account) when the online order is available in July 2020.  
      - Students are required to submit online order within 1 week once it is available.

   b) Uniform and Scrub Requirement
      - Each nursing student is required to order:
        - 3 sets of uniform  
          - Female: 2 pant suits and 1 dress OR 3 pant suits  
          - Male: 3 tops and 3 pants

        - 1 set of scrub

      - Please contact vendor for any uniform or scrub issue after online order is made available.  
        **Sin Yue Textile Tailor Co**  
        Address: 1003 Toa Payoh Industrial Park Lor 8, S319075  
        Tel: 6250 7577  
        Email: info@sinyue.com.sg (Please do not visit vendor physically to order uniform)

   c) Collection of Uniforms and Scrub
      - The collection details will be provided later via email.

*The above information is accurate as at 4 May 2020.*