
ADMISSION TO THE NURSING UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME AY2023-2024

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

All prospective nursing students should be immune (from documented infection) or fully vaccinated. Students should produce official records of two 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 two 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 against Chickenpox if

- (i) He/she has a letter from a physician stating that there is a reason why he/she cannot receive the vaccine; or
- (ii) He/she has documented evidence of two administrations of the varicella vaccine (non-responders).

3 TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA AND PERTUSSIS

All prospective 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)

All results provided to UHC should be done in the year of enrolment and after 1 February 2023.

Hepatitis B

All prospective 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 nursing students should be screened for Hepatitis C.

HIV

All 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 for BBD. 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.

5 COVID-19 VACCINATION

All prospective nursing students should receive two doses of COVID-19 mRNA vaccine or three doses of non-mRNA vaccine followed by booster dose(s) in accordance with the Singapore Government's requirements.

Please inform the school if for any reason, you cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19. Healthcare students would generally need to be fully vaccinated if they are to engage in any direct patient contact related activities.

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.

SCREENING AND VACCINATION DEADLINES

The following table provides you the immunization guidelines if you are not vaccinated or do not have sufficient antibodies.

Proof of vaccinations/ Screening Deadline	Virus	Immunisation		Post Vaccination Screening Deadline
		Details	Deadline	
10 July 2023	Varicella Zoster (Chickenpox)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 doses; minimum interval of 4-8 weeks apart 	Submit proof of 1 st dose by 11 August 2023	NA
	Mumps Measles Rubella (MMR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 doses; minimum interval of at least 4 weeks apart Students who have only received one dose of MMR during childhood should be vaccinated with 2nd dose of MMR 	Complete and submit proof of 2 nd dose by 22 September 2023	
	Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 dose of Tdap: 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. 	Complete and submit proof of vaccination by 11 August 2023	NA
	Hepatitis B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary vaccination consists of 3 doses over 6 months or a single booster dose 	Submit proof of 1 st dose by 11 August 2023 2 nd dose by 22 September 2023 Complete 3 doses and post-screening blood test by 23 February 2024	(Anti-HBs testing) within 1-2 months after completion of the primary 3-dose vaccination series or single booster dose
	Hepatitis C & HIV	Submit screening report by 11 August 2023		
	COVID-19	Submit documentation of vaccination or proof of medically ineligibility status by 11 August 2023		

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.

Prospective Singaporean students may download a copy of their childhood immunization records from the National Immunization Registry (NIR) to be submitted to UHC. Retrieval of immunization records can also be obtained from Healthhub portal via their SingPass: <https://www.healthhub.sg/HealthServices>

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 NUS Medicine website at <https://medicine.nus.edu.sg/admissions/health-requirements/>.

CLINICAL PRACTICUM ARRANGEMENT

(1) Clinical Practicum Modules

Clinical practicum are compulsory modules of the BSc (Nursing) programme and essential for students to demonstrate nursing competencies in all areas of practice as required by the Singapore Nursing Board (SNB). Clinical practicum modules are scheduled in every semester/vacation period and vary in duration. For AY2023/24 Year 1 students, the periods of posting are as follows:

Semester 1	Duration: 2 weeks Period: Dec 2023 to Jan 2024
Semester 2	Duration: 4 weeks Period: May to June 2024

Note: Please keep the dates available for posting

(2) Nursing Uniform for Clinical Practicum and Scrub for Clinical Laboratory Sessions

(a) Measurement and Ordering

- Measurement and ordering of nursing uniform and scrub will be done on campus by the vendor during the mask fitting session.

(b) Uniform and Scrub Requirement

Every nursing student is required to purchase:

- 3 sets of uniform for clinical postings in hospitals
 - Female: 2 pant suits and 1 dress **or** 3 pant suits
 - Male: 3 tops and 3 pants
- 1 set of scrub for clinical laboratory session

(c) Collection of Uniforms and Scrub

Students will receive collection details via email in due course.

The above information is accurate as of 16 March 2023.