



St. Thomas University

School of Social Work, Fredericton, NB CANADA E3B 5G3

IMMUNIZATION POLICY

Social work students may come into contact with communicable diseases throughout the duration of their field placements. This policy outlines immunization requirement for health care workers, as recommended by the *Canadian Immunization Guide*¹.

All social work field students in healthcare institutions and/or settings governed by local health authorities (e.g. Horizon Health Network and Vitalité Health Network) are required to provide immunization records or documentation confirming immunity of infectious diseases. Completed immunization forms are to be submitted to the field placement coordinator no later than sixty (60) days prior to entering the field placement.

Records of immunity of the following communicable diseases are required by the Horizon Health Network: **Tetanus Diphtheria & Pertussis; Measles/Mumps/ Rubella; Varicella; Tuberculosis; Hepatitis B; Influenza is highly recommended but not required. If immunity cannot be demonstrated, vaccinations or testing will be required.**

Students may choose to receive their vaccinations with their family physician, or the Campus Student Health Centre. Any costs associated with vaccines or immunizations are the responsibility of the student. Failure to comply with this policy may delay entrance to the field placement and/or the student may not be permitted to practice in the placement setting.

Additional Information

- Campus Student Health Centre (453-4837) provides vaccinations and TB testing for all the vaccinations required by Horizon. They can also do blood tests to screen for immunity, and provide an immunization record/documentation. No appointment required for vaccinations, however an appointment for blood work is necessary. Students responsible for the costs associated with the vaccines and screening.
- Community Health Clinic (453-5200) will not see students that have access to the Campus Student Health Centre.
- Fredericton Public Health Clinic (453-5200), the immunization clinic can only be accessed by children and youth under the age of 16.

¹ Public Health Agency of Canada. (2007). *Canadian Immunization Guide: Part 3 Recommended Immunization*. <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/cig-gci/p03-02-eng.php>

Immunization Form: Students & On-site Clinical Instructors

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Date of Birth: D/M/Y		
<p>Immunization requirements for students and education agency staff instructing on-site are listed below. Please have a health care professional (e.g. your physician, nurse practitioner or public health nurse) complete this form indicating your present immunization status. If you are unable to obtain this information or have questions please contact Employee Health Services.</p>		

Marilyn.Babineau@HorizonNB.ca must receive 6 weeks prior to the placement start date, or earlier, proof of immunizations and serology reports to review from a Horizon Employee Health Services perspective.

Failure to have this form completed could delay entrance into education placement

VACCINE	REQUIREMENTS/INDICATIONS	DOCUMENTATION/RESULTS
Tdap Tetanus Diphtheria & Pertussis	Tetanus immunization (booster) required within the last 5 years . (Ex. Adacel, Boostrix)	Date of Booster
MMR Measles/Mumps/Rubella (German Measles)	Two documented doses of MMR vaccine are required	Date first dose: Date second dose:
Varicella (Chicken Pox)	It is recommended that all health care workers be screened and vaccinated if required . Adults require two doses of varicella vaccine if not immune.	Date first dose vaccine: Date second dose vaccine: Attach Varicella IgG titre results
Tuberculosis	A 2-step Mantoux test is required. A chest x-ray is required if you test positive. The x-ray must have been done within the last year. If required: Date of chest x-ray _____ Results: _____	Step 1 Date planted: Date of results: mm of induration: Step 2 Date planted: Date of results: mm of induration:
Hepatitis B	Hepatitis B vaccination and follow-up proof of immunity is mandatory. If boosters have been provided to obtain immunity, please indicate. Attach results of antibody screen.	Dates of vaccination: Must attach HBsAB results #1: #2: #3:
Influenza	Annual influenza immunization is highly recommended for all students. <i>When influenza precautions are required, those who have not received the current influenza vaccine must wear a surgical mask at all times when within 6 feet of a patient.</i>	Date of last vaccination: (If applicable)

	Signature	Print Name
Healthcare Professional		
	Date: _____	