

# Potential Health Risks/Immunization Requirements

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#### **FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

# Statement on Potential Health Risks/Immunization Requirements

The following statement applies to all students enrolled in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Students in the Faculty of Health Sciences will be required to care for persons with infectious diseases (including Hepatitis B and HIV) should they be assigned to them. Students accepted to the Faculty will be sent complete documentation regarding health status policies and immunization requirements where applicable.

### **Potential Health Risks/Immunization Requirements**

Documentation of immunization and tuberculin status will be required.

As a result of changes in hospital and clinic protocols introduced in response to Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), all students enrolled in programs offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences for whom attendance and/or participation in practicums in hospitals, clinics and other health care facilities is mandatory, will be required to be fit-tested for masks and trained in the proper use of such respiratory equipment. Use of such respiratory equipment is mandatory under guidelines approved by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

## **Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing**

Western and Fanshawe BScN undergraduate students will be required to care for persons with infectious diseases which could include Hepatitis B and HIV. Students will be notified regarding Nursing's professional practice placement requirements which will include Standard First Aid, CPR − Health Care Provider (HCP), criminal record check through the Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC), mask fit testing, Workplace Hazard Materials Information System (WHMIS), Tuberculosis (TB) skin test, annual influenza vaccination, immunization history and/or serology. Students will not be permitted access to any professional practice placements without having completed and submitted the necessary requirements, by the specified deadline, at their own expense. Students must submit their School's requirements to either Student Health Services (Western) or to ParaMed™ London (Fanshawe) and must be cleared before starting their professional practice placement. In addition to School pre-placement requirements, students may also be required to submit site-specific requirements, as requested, to some of the practice partners.

More information regarding School requirements is available on the Western School of Nursing website (<a href="https://www.uwo.ca/fhs/nursing/undergrad/bscn/admission.html">https://www.uwo.ca/fhs/nursing/undergrad/bscn/admission.html</a>) and the Fanshawe College website (<a href="http://www.fanshawec.ca/preplacement">http://www.fanshawec.ca/preplacement</a>). In the event of an infectious disease outbreak, students will follow the School's direction regarding attendance to the professional practice setting.

#### SCHULICH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY

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See the Admission Policies for the MD Program and Dentistry for the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry's Statement on Potential Health Risks and Immunization Requirements.