

WAGNER COLLEGE

Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing

Health Clearance Policy and Requirements

POLICY: ALL students participating in clinical learning experiences a Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing at Wagner College must be in compliance with health clearance polices. The student is responsible to provide Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing at Wagner College with evidence of immunity and health status.

Purpose of policy: Nursing students have clinical learning experiences and are placed in direct contact with patients. This contact places students at risk for both exposure to and transmission of communicable diseases and blood borne pathogens. Therefore specific procedures are need 1)to decrease health risk to students 2) protect patients and other health care professional with whom students interact and (3) comply with Wagner health care agency contracts, Student Health Center policies, OSHA regulation and New York States Department of Health and CDC Guidelines.

Note: All health clearances for Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing at Wagner College are done by EG Healthcare. All clearances must be done in August. Please contact them directly to make appointments

Contact Information

EG Healthcare

209 Steinway Ave

718.698.6700

www.eghealthcare.net

Health Clearance Requirements

Please Read Carefully and review the requirements to successfully compelte the attached Health Clearance Packet

Annual Requirements (must be done every year)

SUMMER REQUIREMENTS (must be done between JULY 1-AUGUST 31)

1. History and Physical (to be completed by the provider)
2. QuantiFERON -Tb gold test. (TB screening)
 - a. A negative QuantiFERON test – no further action required
 - b. A positive QuantiFERON test requires, a repeat QuantiFERON test to r/o false positive. If second test is positive an x-ray is required to r/o active disease. Treatment for LTBI may be started if deemed appropriate by Healthcare provider
3. Urine Drug Screen
 - a. A Negative test is required for continuation in the curriculum
 - b. A Positive test is reported to the Dean of Nursing. Please refer Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing Drug Policy for further information on disciplinary actions and appeal process.
 - c. If a second UDS is allowed after appeal, it must be done within 24 hours following receipt of notice. The result of the second test is final

WAGNER COLLEGE

Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing

OCTOBER REQUIREMENTS (Must be completed between (Oct 1-Oct 31)

1. Proof of Annual Influenza Vaccination or signed declination form.
2. Unvaccinated students may have to wear a surgical mask at all times in an area where patients or residents may be present during “flu season” as determined by the commissioner of health.

Additional information regarding this may be found www.health.ny.gov/flumaskreg
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/adult.html#f1>

ONE TIME REQUIRMENTS (must be done only once prior to start of attendance)

1. Measles, Mumps, Rubella

To show immunity to Measles, Mumps, Rubella please submit:

- a. Proof of 2 documents doses of MMR vaccine given on or after the first birthday and separated by at least 28 days. If you have documented proof of vaccine NO SEROLOGIC TETING IS REQUIRED
- b. If you do not have proof of 2 documented doses, serologic testing (“Titers”) is required.
 - i. If positive (immune) no further action is needed.
 - ii. If negative or equivocal (not immune) the student will need two doses of MMR vaccine administered at least 28 days apart.

PLEASE NOTE: Documented age appropriate vaccination supersedes the results of subsequent serologic testing

https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/toolkits/docs/health_advisory.pdf

2. Varicella.

To show immunity to Varicella please submit:

- a. Documentation of 2 doses of varicella vaccine given at least 27 days apart
- b. History of Varicella disease (chicken pox) or herpes zoster (shingles) diagnosed by a HCP
- c. Laboratory evidence of immunity
- d. Laboratory confirmation of disease

PLEASE NOTE: Documented age appropriate vaccination supersedes the results of subsequent serologic testing

https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/toolkits/docs/health_advisory.pdf

3. Hep B

To show immunity to Hep B please submit Serologic Testing (titers) showing proof of immunity. Students should receive a 3 dose series of hepatitis B vaccine at 0, 1, and 6 month intervals. All students should be tested for hepatitis B surface antibody to document immunity after receiving dose #3

- a. If the level of anti HBs is positive. No further action is required
- b. If the level is negative, the student will need an additional 3-dose series of vaccination, with serological testing after dose #3.

WAGNER COLLEGE

Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing

- c. If the level is negative after the second 3 dose series, the student is considered a “non-responder”. Persons who are non-responders should be considered susceptible to HBV and will be referred to infectious Disease specialists to be counseled on precautions to prevent HBV infections.

Additional information can be found at

https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/toolkits/docs/health_advisory.pdf

4. Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertusis (TDAP)

All students must have proof of recovering Tdap within the past 10 years.

https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/toolkits/docs/health_advisory.pdf

5. Meningococcal Vaccine

Proof of Vaccination within 5 years or declination form.

CDC recommends that students receive a meningococcal conjugate vaccine. Boosters should be valid for 5 years

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/adult.html#f10>

6. Meningococcal B Vaccine (students up to 24 years of age)

Proof Vaccination or declination form

There are two types:

Bexsero:[®] Administer two doses (0, ≥1 month after first dose).

Trumenba:[®] Administer two or three doses

- a. Administer two doses (0, 6 months after first dose) to healthy adolescents who are not at increased risk for serogroup B meningococcal disease.
- b. Administer three doses (0, 1 to 2 months after first dose, 6 months after first dose) to adolescents who are at increased risk for meningococcal disease

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/adult.html#f10>