

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 the 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 bloodborne pathogens. Therefore, specific procedures are needed to 1) decrease health risk to students 2) protect patients and other health care professional with whom students interact and (3) comply with Wagner College health care agency contracts, Student Health Center policies, OSHA regulation and New York State 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 according to the schedule below. Please contact them directly to schedule an appointment.

Contact Information

EG Healthcare
209 Steinway Ave
718.698.6700
www.eghealthcare.net

June 15-July 31	Traditional Seniors
July 1- July 31	Grad Students (MS, DNP)
Aug 1-Aug 31	Second Degree Seniors
Aug 31-Sep 30	Traditional Juniors, Second Degree Juniors

Health Clearance Requirements

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

Annual Requirements (must be done every year)

PRE-ROTATION REQUIREMENTS

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 or indeterminant 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 Latent Tuberculosis Infection may be started if deemed appropriate by the Healthcare provider
3. Urine Drug Screen (UDS)
 - a. A Negative test is required for continuation in the curriculum
 - b. A Positive test is reported to the Dean of Nursing. Please refer to the 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 an appeal, it must be done within 24 hours following receipt of notice. The result of the second test is final.

INFLUENZA REQUIREMENTS

1. Influenza vaccination will be administered by EG Healthcare at Wagner College on the following days.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13 ALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS (9am-4pm)

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20 ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS (11am-7pm)

THIS IS A **MANDATORY** DAY.

ALL **VACCINATIONS AND DECLINATIONS** WILL BE MANAGED ON THAT DAY ONLY.

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 or the healthcare facility.

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

1. **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)**

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

- a. Proof of 2 documented doses of the 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 TESTING 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 28 days apart
- b. Laboratory evidence of immunity
- c. Laboratory confirmation of disease

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

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3. Hepatitis 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, 1-2 months 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.
- 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 receiving 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 a declination form.

CDC recommends that students receive a meningococcal conjugate vaccine. Boosters are 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 of 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>