

Higher Education Bachelor of Nursing HED007

Immunisation - Student

Fact Sheet



These requirements apply to: HED007: Bachelor of Nursing (BoN)

INTRODUCTION

This fact sheet compiles relevant information about Vaccination and Immunisation requirements for this course. If you have any questions, or if you are a conscientious objector to vaccinations, we suggest you seek advice from the Course Coordinator.

To go on placement, you will need to submit proof of several current vaccinations to TAFE Queensland. Any vaccination records you submit must have your name and date of birth clearly legible so that the records can be identified.

For proof of vaccination you can provide your Immunisation History Statement available through [Medicare](#). If you're not eligible for Medicare, you can get your Immunisation History Statement online through [myGov](#). If you don't have a myGov account, it's easy to [create one](#).

The following provide further information:

- Accessing your vaccination records and schedule
- [International students vaccination records information](#)
- [Translating documents](#) (all documents in a language other than English must be accompanied by a certified English translation).

If any of your required vaccines are not current (as specified in the sections below), please book these vaccinations with your doctor as soon as possible. Take this Fact Sheet with you so your Medical Practitioner is aware of the course requirements.

Application and Security of your Records

TAFE Queensland will be required to share your vaccination history and mandatory documents information with health facility organisations and health services for assessment as required to meet the current healthcare worker requirements. Students are required to retain the original evidence /documentation to provide to placement providers on the first day of placement assessment and /or as required. Once you commence study, you will be notified of where to provide your evidence to TAFE Queensland. This is stored within the Learning Management System, and assigned to your course enrolment obligations for safety and security.

If you wish to access or correct any of your information, discuss how it has been managed or have a concern or complaint about the way the information has been collected, used, stored, or disclosed, please contact the TAFE Queensland Privacy Officer at privacy@tafeqld.edu.au.

Accessing your Records and Vaccination Status

Australian Immunisation Handbook

We recommend that you are vaccinated in accordance with the recommendations outlined in the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#) (AIH). Various placements may have different immunisation requirements, so you need to be aware of what is required for your specific placement and refer to the handbook for more information about what each immunisation is for.

How to Demonstrate Evidence

You are responsible for all costs associated with meeting the immunisation, vaccination and other health requirements.

Evidence of vaccination and serology must be provided in one (1) the following formats:

- Childhood vaccination records (e.g. a copy of a baby/immunisation booklet)
- A written record of vaccination documented on a vaccination card or immunisation card.
- The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) which is obtained from Medicare Australia.
- International students should ensure that they have their records from immigration.
- The vaccination record must include:
 - Date
 - Batch number
 - Vaccine brand name
 - Signature of immunisation Provider and Provider number and Practice Stamp.

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis - dTpa

You must have one (1) documented dose of adult dTpa within the last ten (10) years. You must not have the **ADT** vaccination as this does not contain Pertussis.

The vaccination evidence must provide the brand, batch number and date of the vaccine.

Brand names that are accepted are Adacel or Boostrix vaccine.

Hepatitis B

You are required to provide evidence of an age-appropriate completed course of the Hepatitis B vaccination and provide serology of positive immunity after the completed course. If you are unable to meet these requirements please make an appointment with the Course Coordinator.

- The course is three (3) injections of Hep B over a six (6) month period or two (2) injections if you had the course at High School between the ages of 11 – 15 years of age. It is recommended that you commence the course as soon as possible if you have not undertaken the course previously.
- The injections are at 0, one (1) and then six (6) months. Following the last injection in 4-6 weeks serology (blood test) is to be taken to show immunity levels. You must forward the evidence of the first two (2) injections to be eligible to attend placement.
- You are not to undertake an accelerated course of vaccination as this is intended for people who are travelling to countries where there is a high risk of exposure to Hepatitis B and limited time for vaccination.

Non-Responder to Hep B Immunisation

If you have completed a complete course of Hep B and your serology test shows that you are not immune HBsAB \leq 10mIU/mL, then you will need to discuss this further with the Course Coordinator.

Hepatitis C and HIV

In addition to Hepatitis B, you are also obligated to be aware of your blood-borne virus status (Hepatitis C, HIV) and take reasonable steps to prevent the transmission of infection at all times. It is important that you consult with your Medical Practitioner if you have any questions regarding this. The Course Coordinator may prevent a student from commencing/continuing placement in the event of a failure to implement infection prevention and control guidelines. A current serological test is a requirement for placement as well as your agreement to undergo serological testing for HIV and HCV every three years.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella – MMR

- You are to provide evidence of two (2) doses of MMR at least one (1) month apart; or
- Provide evidence of positive serology for all three (3): Measles, Mumps and Rubella.
- If serology is not positive, then please speak with your General Practitioner about boosters and what will be required in line with the [AIH](#).

Varicella

- You are to provide evidence of two (2) doses of Varicella at least one (1) month apart; or
- Provide evidence of positive serology for Varicella.
- If serology is not positive, then you are to undertake the recommended vaccination.
- If you were vaccinated at the age of 14 years, then one dose of Varicella will be sufficient.

Influenza

- Influenza is a mandatory immunisation to be undertaken by the *1st of May each year*.
- Students are not able to enter aged care facilities unless there is evidence of the Influenza Vaccination.
- Please note that you require confirmation of vaccination - Evidence of purchase of the vaccination is not sufficient evidence and will not be accepted.
- This vaccine must be administered in Australia, as the influenza vaccine differs from country to country.

Tuberculosis (TB) Screening

TB screening is only relevant and recommended if you:

- Were born in a country with high incidence of TB.
- Have resided for a cumulative time of more than 3 months or longer in a country with a high incidence of TB.
 - Details of high-risk countries, as identified in the annual WHO Global Tuberculosis Control Report, are available through the following Queensland Health link:
<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/diseases/tuberculosis/about/high-risk-countries>
- Have been exposed to TB.
- Are currently an overseas student on a Visa.
- Your local health area requires you to undergo TB screening.

ANY students who identify with one of the above are to follow the instructions included in the [Queensland Health](#) site for Students.

Preparing for your Clinical placement > *Immunisation evidence and infection prevention* > Tuberculosis risk assessment:

- [TB risk assessment questionnaire for students \(PDF 516 kB\)](#)
- [TB risk assessment frequently asked questions \(PDF 588 kB\)](#)

If you have any concerns or questions about your TB questionnaire, please discuss this with your General Practitioner in the first instance.

COVID-19

Decisions on mandatory vaccinations can be made by the owner or operator of healthcare facilities. Many health services and aged care placement providers may continue to mandate annual or 'full maintenance of' COVID-19 vaccination in addition to Influenza vaccination requirements.

Students attending clinical placements are considered Health Care Workers and as such may be required to complete the full vaccination regime including any booster vaccinations as directed by the Chief Health Officer. At any point during your placement you may be requested to provide evidence of your COVID-19 vaccination status.

Full vaccination is evidenced via the [myGov account](#), linking Medicare.

Smart devices are then able to show the digital vaccination certificate via the Express Plus Medicare app.

International students may be required to produce their COVID vaccination certificate, evidencing completion of an ATAGI approved vaccination option.

To get your immunisation history statement, link the Individual Healthcare Identifiers (IHI) service to your myGov account. If you don't have an [Individual Healthcare Identifier](#) (IHI), find out [how to get one](#).

An IHI is a unique number used to identify an individual for health care purposes.

Once you've linked the IHI service:

- Sign in to your myGov account.
- Select the COVID-19 vaccination status quick link.
- Select 'view immunisation history'.

Recommended Vaccination Schedule

Please note

If you are a Diploma of Nursing pathway student, you will have already met these requirements

However, if you are a first-year student, you will need to have complete these requirements before the start of semester two (if you are enrolled full-time). Part-time students will need to have completed these by the end of their first year.

	Medical Practitioner Appt.	1 Month	4 Months	5 Months
Evidence of Influenza Vaccine	Annual vaccine			
Evidence of Hep B Vaccines & serology $\geq 10\text{IU/L}$	No.1 Hep B Vaccine	No.2 Hep B Vaccine	No.3 Hep B Vaccine	Hep B Serology
Evidence of Varicella Vaccines or positive Serology	No.1 Varicella Vaccine	No.2 Varicella Vaccine	OR Varicella Serology	
Evidence of dTpa Vaccine <10yrs	1 x dTpa Vaccine			
Evidence of 2 x MMR Vaccines or positive Serology	No.1 MMR Vaccine	No.2 MMR Vaccine	OR MMR Serology	
HIV & Hep C Serology	Serology If Required - HIV /Hep C - 3-year testing.			

Helpful Resources

[Sharing Knowledge About Immunisation \(SKAI\)](#)

“Sharing Knowledge About Immunisation aims to support conversations that community members have with healthcare professionals about vaccination. SKAI makes evidence-based information easier to access, and provides respectful and helpful answers to common questions about immunisation” (SKIA, 2024).

[National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance \(NCIRS\)](#)

NCIRS is the leading research organisation in Australia that provides objective expert advice on all aspects of vaccine preventable diseases, and other issues related to immunisation, to inform policy and planning for immunisation services in Australia” (NCIRS, 2024).

[AusVaxSafety](#)

“AusVaxSafety is a collaboration between immunisation providers, private enterprise, research institutions, state and territory governments and the Australian Government Department of Health, which has significantly improved Australia’s ability to monitor, detect and respond to vaccine safety events” (AusVaxsafety, 2024).

[Department of Health and Aged Care](#)

An Australian Federal Government department that develop and deliver policies and programs and advise the Australian Government on health, aged care and sport. The Department work with a wide range of stakeholders to ensure better health for all Australians (DHAC, 2024).

[World Health Organisation](#)

Vaccination safety communication elibrary - Tools for vaccine safety communicators as well as useful resources for people interested in vaccine safety, including parents and the general public.