HEALTH RECORD GENERAL POLICY STUDENTS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES/IMMUNIZATIONS POLICY

Each full-time matriculated student at Neumann University is asked to submit a health examination form reporting on one's medical history and health evaluation by a licensed physician or certified nurse practitioner. The health evaluation includes tuberculin skin test, certain laboratory tests, and documentation of required immunizations. Results of visual acuity testing and dental examination within the year are also called for.

At the time of acceptance to the University, a copy of the health form is given to each applicant, with a request that completed forms be returned to the Health Services office by the date of registration for the first classes.

In the Health Services Office, the above forms are filed alphabetically. Records are retained pursuant to **PA 1.101** Omnibus Record Retention Policy.

Part-time and non-matriculated students are encouraged to submit information on their health history on an annual basis.

Additional health documentation is required for students in the nursing, Physical Therapy and Clinical Laboratory Science programs. See Policy – Health Professions: Annual Physicals.

Communicable Diseases: Immunizations

Consistent with recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the following immunizations must be completed **by all students**, and documentation provided to the University, prior to enrollment.

Measles, mumps, and rubella (German measles) (two doses)

- Adults born before 1957 are generally considered immune to measles and mumps.
- Effective 1991, the Pennsylvania Department recommends that persons born after 1957 have a blood titer to confirm immunity against rubella; or a booster of the vaccine if there is lack of laboratory evidence of immunity.

Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis

- Dtap replaces the TD and a booster administered every 10 years.

Meningococcal meningitis

- Immunization against meningococcal meningitis is recommended for first-year college students.

Tuberculin Skin Testing (TST, PPD)*

- Tuberculin skin testing is required for all entering students.

Requirements Specific to Majors

<u>Nursing and Health Sciences (Athletic Training, Nursing, Physical Therapy)</u> In order to safeguard the health of students who enter the health professions, and to

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protect those for whom they provide care, students are required to obtain a complete physical examination, specific laboratory tests, immunizations, and tuberculin skin testing (TST, PPD)* at stated intervals throughout the program. Each program distributes specific directions and deadlines. Failure to comply with health requirements will prohibit participation in the program.

The Nursing Program has established guidelines for participating in clinical and laboratory experiences when a student is pregnant in order to safeguard her health and that of her unborn baby.

Clinical Laboratory Science

In addition to the initial physical examination upon entrance to the University, a repeat physical examination during the Junior year, prior to the beginning of the clinical experience. This includes the tuberculin skin test (TST, PPD)* and specific laboratory tests.

Education

In addition to the initial physical examination upon entrance to the University, an annual tuberculin skin test (TST, PPD)* is required before field experiences and/or teaching practice.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS: PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

In order to safeguard the health of students who enter the health professions and to protect those who come under their professional care, students are required to have a complete physical examination and specific laboratory tests, immunizations, and tuberculin skin testing (TST, PPD)* at stated intervals throughout the program as follows:

Specific directions and deadlines are distributed by each program. Failure to comply with health requirements will prohibit participation in the program.

The Nursing Program has established guidelines for continuing in the program when a student is pregnant in order to safeguard her health and that of her baby during the pregnancy and to facilitate her progress in the program.

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