



NATIONAL NURSING STUDENT IMMUNISATION REQUIREMENTS

All hospitals in Australia have immunisation requirements to protect their staff, patients and students; it is a requirement of Australia's National Work, Health and Safety Legislation. These requirements can vary slightly in different hospitals and different states. At ETEA we have a standard national set of requirements that includes all of the policies of the hospitals that we place students with across the country. It is essential that every student obtains the required evidence as detailed below, before course commencement. Should a student not provide ALL of the immunisation and serology evidence required, placement will be delayed and the student will incur addition fees as per the IRON enrolment contract terms and conditions. Delays in placement will delay course completion.

Considerations	Pregnancy & Breastfeeding; While being pregnancy does not prevent a student from Nursing; some vaccinations are not safe to be administered during pregnancy and breast feeding. We recommend that you discuss this with your doctor. Without meeting, all of the immunisation and screening requirements, you will not be able to commence placement.
	Country of administration; There are two requirements that <u>must be taken in Australia</u> ; Influenza (Flu) which is specific to the current year, Australian strain; and the screen for TB (Tuberculosis), for which exposure to, can only be accurately screened for after arrival in Australia and must be retaken if you leave Australia for any time after the test.
	Timing; Certain immunisations take time for your body to convert and for accurate serology to be available. Also, there are certain live attenuated vaccinations that can prevent accurate screening for the presence of other diseases (e.g. TB). It is essential that you follow the guide below with regards to <i>when</i> and <i>in which order</i> , each should be taken.
Type of evidence	Immunisations; must be in English (official translation is accepted) and include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student full name & date of birth • Clinic letterhead and contact details for the place of administration • Administering doctors/nurses name, signature, registration/practicing number and date of administration preferably with batch numbers of the immunisations.
	Serology; must be in English (official translation is accepted) and include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student full name & date of birth • Date of sample taken • Date of report and results showing immunity
Recent Arrival	If you have, or are arriving in Australia immediately prior to course commencement and believe that you may have difficulty meeting the recommended timelines detailed below, it is essential that you contact ETEA to discuss your immunisation schedule as soon as possible.

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	Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis acellular (DTPa)*	Varicella (Chickenpox)	Hepatitis B	Polio	Influenza	Tuberculosis (TB)	Multi-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)
Serology Showing Sufficient Immunity	✓ Serology results showing sufficient immunity for each disease	X Serology not available	✓ Serology results showing sufficient immunity	✓ Serology results showing sufficient immunity (≥10mIU/mL)	X Serology not available	X Serology not available		
	OR		OR	AND				
Evidence of immunisation	✓ Evidence of 2x vaccination doses, 4 weeks apart	✓ Evidence of vaccination within the last 10 years	✓ Evidence of 2x vaccination doses, 4 weeks apart	✓ Evidence of minimum 2x doses (out of 3), 4 weeks apart - No FastTrack.	✓ Evidence of childhood vaccinations or recent booster	✓ Must be for the current season and taken in Australia		
				OR Documented evidence of past hepatitis B infection				
Survey screen							✓ Must be taken in Australia within the last 5 years. If required please follow box below (South Australia ONLY)	
Mantoux TST / Chest Xray							✓ Mantoux TST [^] or chest X-ray [^] required. If TST Mantoux is reactive → Chest X-ray [^] is required	
Swab screening test								✓ Evidence required (Western Australia ONLY)

NOTES:

Immunisation = Vaccination = Injection to stimulate an immune reaction and generate immunity against the disease.

Serology = Blood test which shows antibody levels against a specific disease to determine immunity from either a vaccination or contraction of the disease.

* Please note, this is not the same as ADT, ADT is not accepted.

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~ Fast tracking is where the first vaccination is given at day 0, then the second at day 7 and the third at day 21. This will **NOT** be recognised, or seen as sufficient evidence for vaccination. Please ensure your doctor is aware of this.

^ Chest X-ray and TST Mantoux must be done within the last 12 months and you must remain in the country since that time, or get a repeat X-ray/TST Mantoux.

Recommended Timelines – Prior to course commencement								
	Hepatitis B	MMR	Varicella	TB	D T P	Polio	Influenza	MRSA
10 weeks prior	Get Serology. If sufficient immunity then you are complete. If it <u>does not</u> show sufficient immunity then get first dose of vaccination.	Get Serology. If sufficient immunity you are complete. If it <u>does not</u> show sufficient immunity then get first dose of vaccination	Get Serology. If sufficient immunity you are complete. If it <u>does not</u> show sufficient immunity then get first dose of vaccination					
7 weeks prior								
6 weeks prior	Second of 3 vaccination doses due (third one due in 3 more months)	Second and last dose of vaccination, complete	Second and last dose of vaccination, complete					
3 weeks prior				Screening survey (SA ONLY)				
2 weeks prior	Get Serology			Evidence of negative Mantoux TST or Chest X-ray in Australia**	Evidence of vaccination required	Evidence of vaccination required	Evidence of vaccination in Australia required	Evidence of swab required (WA ONLY)
** Note – TB Mantoux TST must be performed 4 weeks after the last dose of MMR and Varicella to ensure accurate results.								

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