

Student Pre-placement Requirement Exemptions

Student Hub Workplace Instruction

Purpose:

To provide a resource for those involved in student clinical placements in Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service, to guide exemptions to the requirements outlined in the [Student Minimum Pre-placement Requirements document](#).

1. Training exemptions by discipline

Students must complete all requirements unless listed otherwise below:

	*Student ieMR	Patient Handling Fundamentals	Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Competency
Frequency	Once only	Once only	Annually
Health Administration	Required	Not Required	Not Required
Environmental Health	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
Epidemiology	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
Health Promotion	Required	Not Required	Not Required
Medical Physics	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
Mental Health Peer Work	Not Required	Required	Required
Oral Health	Not Required	Not Required	Required
Radiation Therapy	Not Required	Required	Required
All other disciplines	Required	Required	Required

2. Placements of two days length (or less)

Prior to commencement of a student placement of two days or less:

- Cost/ benefit analysis to be considered on case-by-case basis by Line Manager (e.g. Employee time, learning benefits, etc) to be considered on a case-by-case basis
- Offering of these placements must be done in keeping with the Priority of Allocation of Student Placement Capacity Work Instruction (i.e. Sunshine Coast Health Institute partners offered capacity first)
- Student Placement Schedule must be in place for all students who are on placement as per definitions in the Student Placement Deed regardless of the placement.
- [Student Deed Poll](#) to be signed
- National Police Check
- Vaccination requirements apply dependent upon risk (see over)
- CPR not required
- SCHHS Mandatory, ieMR and Patient Handling training are not required.

Upon Commencement:

- SCHHS staff member to accompany student to SCUH security desk to sign out proximity card day pass (Where applicable)
- A completed SCHHS Student Placement Information sheet is to be provided to the student supervisor (with exemptions noted) and forwarded to the Student Hub as usual
- General evacuation instructions and local induction are not required
- Student placement details are to be entered into the Student Hub SharePoint database.

3. Vaccination Requirements

Student requirements are determined by local policy. There may be some rare instances where students do not require vaccination. This decision must be based on the [VPD risk role checklist – Form A \(QHEPS\)](#) as outlined on the next page.

Risk Role 1 - may have direct contact with patients or who in the course of their work may be exposed to blood/ body fluids or contaminated sharps (this list is not exhaustive):

- Hands-on clinical work
- Providing care or treatment of any kind to patients i.e. Social workers, psychologists, etc
- Collecting, transporting, handling or processing of pathology samples
- Manual handling, transport, post-mortem examination or autopsies of deceased people
- Cleaning of spills that may contain blood or body substances of any kind
- Bed making and cleaning
- Handling of soiled or contaminated linen, clinical or laboratory waste, or waste receptacles
- Cleaning in a patient room, using, cleaning, repairing or maintaining equipment surfaces or other items used in clinical areas or laboratory settings
- Assisting a patient to undertake activities of daily living such as eating, using the bathroom, or mobilizing.

YES, Risk Role 1 requires evidence of immunity / vaccination for Hepatitis B.

Risk Role 2 - involves tasks or work settings with a possibility of direct or indirect patient contact allowing acquisition and/or transmission of measles, mumps, rubella, varicella or pertussis, e.g.

- Interacting face to face with patients
- Normal work location is a clinical area (such as a hospital ward, emergency department or outpatient clinic including non-clinical staff)
- Work requires attending a clinical area (such as a hospital ward, emergency department or outpatient clinic including non-clinical staff)
- Community work environment including home visits.

YES, Risk Role 2 requires evidence of immunity / vaccination for measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis (whooping cough), varicella (chickenpox).

Note: All categories of workers who work in a clinical area must be assessed for their risk of TB. Candidates, volunteers, and contractors are required to complete the [Queensland Health Tuberculosis Risk Assessment Form for STUDENTS](#).

If the placement does not match any of the above criteria: No evidence of vaccinations is required.

For more information contact Student Hub - sc.student.hub.health.qld.gov.au

References:

- [Requisite education and training \(QHEPS\)](#)
- [Vaccine preventable diseases, staff immunity and vaccination mandatory requirements \(QHEPS\)](#)

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