

Student Pre-placement Requirement Exemptions

Student Hub Workplace Instruction

Purpose:

To provide a resource for those involved in student placements in the 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.

| Frequency | *Student ieMR | Patient Handling Fundamentals | Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Competency |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| | Once only | Once only | Annually |
| Administration | Required | <u>Not</u> Required | <u>Not</u> Required |
| Audiology | Required | <u>Not</u> Required | Required |
| Dietetics and Nutrition | Required | <u>Not</u> Required | Required |
| Environmental Health | <u>Not</u> Required | <u>Not</u> Required | <u>Not</u> Required |
| Epidemiology | <u>Not</u> Required | <u>Not</u> Required | <u>Not</u> Required |
| Health Promotion | Required | <u>Not</u> Required | <u>Not</u> Required |
| Medical Physics | <u>Not</u> Required | <u>Not</u> Required | <u>Not</u> Required |
| Mental Health Peer Work | <u>Not</u> Required | Required | Required |
| Oral Health | <u>Not</u> Required | Required | <u>Not</u> Required |
| Pharmacy | Required | <u>Not</u> Required | Required |
| Podiatry | Required | <u>Not</u> Required | Required |
| Psychology | Required | <u>Not</u> Required | Required |
| Radiation Therapy | <u>Not</u> Required | Required | Required |
| Social Work | Required | <u>Not</u> Required | Required |
| Speech Pathology | Required | <u>Not</u> 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 (eg. 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 (ie. 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 is not required

Upon Commencement:

- SCHHS staff member to accompany student to SCUH security desk to sign out proximity card (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' accessed via Qheps link ['New employees; Vaccine Preventable Diseases \(VPD\)'](#) and outlined below:

Risk Role 1 – involves tasks or work settings in Queensland Health facilities/ locations where there is a risk of coming into direct or indirect contact with the Covid-19 virus, allowing acquisition and/ or transmission of the virus e.g

- Employed in a hospital, aged care, residential aged care or other health care facility/ location where clinical support is provided (clinical and non-clinical employees)
- Work in an area with COVID-19 patients or an area that a person with COVID-19 may enter.
- May come into direct or indirect contact with people who work in an area with COVID-19 patients or an area that a person with COVID-19 may enter.
- Unable to meet public health requirements (e.g., physical distancing, working in areas of high population density).
- Have the potential to expose patients, clients, other staff, or the broader community to the virus (e.g., occupying shared spaces such as lifts/ cafeterias)

YES, Risk Role 1 requires completed vaccination for COVID-19.

Risk Role 2 - 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 2 requires evidence of immunity/ vaccination for Hepatitis B.

Risk Role 3 - 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 3 requires evidence of immunity/ vaccination for measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis (whooping cough), varicella (chickenpox).

Risk Role 4 - involves work in a residential aged care facility.

YES, Risk Role 4 role requires evidence of vaccination for Influenza

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 are required.

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

References:

[Department of Health Employment Screening Policy](#)

[Vaccine preventable diseases, staff immunity and vaccination mandatory requirements](#)

[SCHHS Mandatory Training Policy](#)

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