School of Nursing Requirements Guidelines  
Fall 2015

All requirements are mandatory and will not be waived for any reason. If you cannot meet these mandatory requirements, please do not sign your contract and contact Dr. Rebecca Sutter at rsutter2@gmu.edu. These requirements are mandated by our health care partners.

Criminal Background Check
All students are required to obtain a criminal background check and drug screen prior to the start of school.

Drug screen must be completed in the weeks prior to the due date of August 1, 2015, i.e. between, July 14, 2015 and August 1, 2015.

Note: Traditional Students will be required to obtain a criminal background recheck and drug screen prior to the start of their senior year.

Note: Second Degree Students may be required to show proof of polio vaccine due to one affiliate’s requirements

Measles, Mumps, Rubella
Two (2) doses required at least one (1) month apart. First dose must be given at, or after one year of age.

May also submit a titer for each disease indicating positive immunity. Persons with an “equivocal” test result are NOT considered immune and must be vaccinated. Must produce the lab report.

Although persons born before 1957 are considered immune; a booster is required for health care workers.

Tetanus-Pertussus-Diptheria (Tdap)
Must show proof of vaccinations for all three diseases (Tdap) within the last ten years. Please note that a Td vaccination does not include the Pertussis component, and will not be accepted.

Varicella  NOTE: "History of Disease" on your records does NOT meet this requirement.
You must show proof of receiving two (2) doses of the vaccine before the due date (30 days between doses).

OR
A positive titer showing immunity. Persons with a “negative” test result are not considered immune and must repeat the series. Persons with an “equivocal” test result are not considered immune and must receive one booster shot. Additionally you must produce the actual lab report. If you are planning to get a titer, we highly recommend that you get this early in the process; if you are negative, you will need 2 vaccinations, 30-days apart.
**Hepatitis B**
Must show proof of receiving at least two doses before the due date. Must show proof of receiving the third dose 6 months after the first dose.

*OR*
A positive titer showing immunity. Persons with a “negative” or “equivocal” test result are not considered immune and must repeat the series. Must produce the lab report.

**Hepatitis A**
Must show proof of receiving one dose before the due date. Must show proof of receiving the second dose in 6 months after the first does. Note: Health care providers will not administer the second dose before the 6 months’ due date.

*OR*
A positive titer showing immunity. Persons with a “negative” or “equivocal” test result are not considered immune and must repeat the series. Must produce the lab report.

**Tuberculosis Test**
Negative Tuberculin Skin Test (showing induration) during May, June or July. This is a yearly requirement as long as you are in school and you will need to post documentation that you are current.

*OR*
Negative QuantiFERON Gold Blood Test during May, June or July.

*OR*
Negative T-SPOT.TB Blood Test during May, June or July.

*OR*
You have had a positive TST and a clear chest X-Ray report. If you have a clear chest X-ray, you will also have to complete the TB screening document signed by your health care provider on an annual basis.

If you have had BCG, you are still required to obtain a negative TB test within last the 12 months or a clear chest X-Ray.

**Meningococcal**
Recommended but not required.

**Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation**
American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) for Health Care Providers course is required, and must be kept up to date at all times. This must be an in-person course with a skills test.

**Physical Exam**
Physical exam within the last 12 months prior to admission stating you can meet the demands of the nursing program. Must use GMU School of Nursing physical examination form.

**Healthcare Insurance**
Proof of healthcare insurance is no longer required; however, it is highly recommended that you carry healthcare insurance.

**Seasonal Flu Shot**
Seasonal flu shot for the 2015 flu season no later than October 31, 2015. Vaccine is usually available very late August or early September. Your documentation must state that the vaccine is for the year 2015-2016.