

The College of Nursing vaccine requirements are requirements of our hospital sites and the DFW Hospital Council.

The college will consider requests for medical or religious exemptions from required vaccinations. Exemption requests are considered on a case-by-case basis but are not automatically granted. Students are encouraged to submit exemption requests as soon as possible to BSNImmunizations@uta.edu.

This notice informs all pre-licensure nursing students at the University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing and Health Innovation of the policies and procedures for obtaining medical or religious exemptions from vaccinations. Please note the following important points:

1. **Scope of Exemption:** Exemptions granted by the College of Nursing apply only within the educational institution. Contracted clinical sites where students complete their training may not honor these exemptions and have their approval processes.
2. **Clinical Placement Impact:**
 - Students with exemptions may be required to adhere to additional precautions.
 - Placement in specific facilities or units may be denied if the clinical site does not accept the exemption.
 - Alternative clinical placements are not guaranteed, and faculty cannot ensure placement that meets the clinical requirements if exemptions are denied. Thus, this may jeopardize a student's ability to progress in their program.
3. **Additional Documentation:**
 - Students may need to submit additional, facility-specific exemption requests directly to the clinical sites.
 - These documents will be reviewed, approved, or declined based on the site's policies.
 - Documentation should be submitted through Exxat and will be reviewed by the Clinical Coordinator and Clinical Compliance Nurse.
4. **Requirements for Medical Exemptions:**
 - A medical exemption may be granted upon submission of documented evidence of contraindications or precautions as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).
 - Documentation must:
 - Be provided by a credentialed medical provider with evident expertise in the field.
 - Be dated, signed, and legible, clearly specifying the existence of a contraindication or precaution. - Include a summary of assessment procedures, evaluation instruments used, and evaluation results. - Detail the individual's need for a medical exemption, including information on the progression or stability of the condition over time.

Compliance and Acknowledgment:

- Students acknowledge the potential impact on their clinical education and placements by seeking an exemption.
- Complying with additional requirements and actively participating in the process of securing placement is the student's responsibility.

Please ensure all documentation is complete and submitted according to the guidelines provided. Incomplete or non-compliant submissions may delay or impact the review and approval process. Students are encouraged to contact the Clinical Coordinator, Clinical Compliance Office, or their academic advisor for further information or clarification.

Our hospital sites generally accept exemptions for COVID or Influenza vaccination.

Exemptions for Hep B, MMR, Varicella or Tdap may be accepted by the CON, but may not be accepted by the clinical site. Students must meet all agency requirements. If the site requires revaccination after negative or equivocal titer, students must comply. The CON will not attempt to find a new clinical placement for any student due to vaccine requirements.

Medical exemption request requires:

- Completed Request for Medical Exemption from Vaccinations form or COVID 19 Vaccine Medical Exemption form.
- Supporting documentation of history, such as medical records or diagnostic testing.

Religious exemption request requires:

- Completed Religious Accommodations Request form or COVID 19 Vaccine Religious Exemption form.
- Statement explaining reason for request, religious principles that guide your objection to immunization and indicating whether opposed to all immunizations or the religious basis that prohibits the particular immunizations.