

Explanation of Student/Instructor Requirements on Attestation Sheet:

OIG Verification: The Office of Inspector General, or OIG, which is a section within the Department of Health and Human Services, maintains a list of persons and entities that are excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid and other federal health care programs. Any healthcare entity that hires or contracts with an individual/entity on this exclusion list and is reimbursed directly or indirectly by any federal health care program for services provided by such excluded individual is subject to a variety of penalties. Given that our students/instructors are participating in care/services that are reimbursed by federal health care programs, it is best practice to ensure that they are not on the excluded database. The free database can be accessed through the following link: <http://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/>

GSA Verification: Similar to the OIG, the Government Services Administration, or GSA, maintains a list of parties and individuals excluded from doing business with the federal government, including healthcare programs receiving federal funding or reimbursement. Organizations employing excluded or sanctioned individuals from the list could lose federal funding or be forced to pay back funds distributed through government programs. Given that our students/instructors are participating in care/services that are reimbursed by federal health care programs, it is best practice to ensure that they are not on the excluded database. The free database can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/#1> Search Records

Current BLS (AHA): Basic life support training from the American Heart Association is required for all clinical rotations in which students will be in direct contact with patients.

Proof of Negative TB test (within 12 months) or Health Screen Form:

The Ochsner Health System monitors the workforce and patient care providers to reduce the risk of acquiring pulmonary tuberculosis (TB) and to help prevent the spread of this disease by ensuring that all employees, students, volunteers, and contract labor have provided proof of a negative TB test upon acceptance to clinical activity at an Ochsner facility.

Positive Titers: (Rubeola (Measles), Mumps, Rubella, Varicella (Chicken Pox))

Ochsner Health System requires documentation of positive rubella, mumps, measles, chicken pox titers to document immunity and reduce risk of acquisition and transmission of these infectious viruses to our patients and our workforce.

Hepatitis B Vaccine complete or Declination form signed:

It is the policy of the institution to require that all employees, volunteers, students, and contract personnel follow the guidelines stated in the Ochsner Health System (OHS) Personnel Health Guidelines. The purpose of this policy is to insure protection for patients, employees, students, and contract personnel from exposure to or infection with any infectious diseases.

Negative Drug Screen Completed: It is the policy of the institution to require any individual involved in patient care to have a drug screen as several of the regulatory agencies who accredit us require us to have a negative drug screen completed before any individual is involved in patient care.

Background Check: Several of the regulatory agencies who accredit us require us to complete background checks. In addition, it is a sound business practice so to ensure the safety of our patients.

Checked Louisiana Sexual Offender Registry: Several of the regulatory agencies who accredit us require us to check the Louisiana Sexual Offender Registry. The free database can be accessed through the following link: <http://www.lsp.org/socpr/default.html>

Influenza Vaccination: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that all health care workers receive the influenza vaccine. The Ochsner Health System policy provides an organized strategy to ensure that Ochsner Health System's workforce, students, volunteers, and contract labor have had the influenza vaccine. All employees, volunteers, students, and contract labor are required to receive the influenza vaccination each year unless an Approved Exclusion is granted.

Certain individuals may qualify for an Approved Exclusion to the vaccination. If the individual feels s/he should be excluded due to medical, religious or other special circumstance, an Exclusion Request form and the supporting documentation must be completed and submitted to Ochsner Health System. The Exclusion Request will be reviewed for approval and the student notified of that decision.

Any employee, volunteer, student or other member of the workforce not vaccinated for influenza by December 15th of each year will be required to wear a surgical mask or other approved facemask at all times when in patient care areas as defined by this policy. The requirement to wear a facemask also applies to individuals with Approved Exclusions.

License (out of state nursing student): All out of state nursing students must have a current Louisiana nursing license if they have been previously licensed and if their current program of study will lead to a change in licensure.