UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF NURSING

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE
UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE PROGRAM

TITLE OF POLICY: HEALTH EVALUATIONS

ORIGINAL DATE: SEPTEMBER 1990

LAST REVIEWED/REVISED: November 2017

POLICY: To be eligible for registration, all students admitted with full, provisional status and attending full or part-time must have a Health Evaluation submitted complete initially then annually.

Students are to meet health requirements prior to enrollment and clinical activities.

Students are responsible for arranging and paying for required Health Evaluation and for submitting the forms on time. Subsequently, students are responsible for meeting any additional health requirements of individual clinical agencies. When a student is readmitted after inactive status, a new Health Evaluation must be performed.

PROCEDURE: 1. SON Student Affairs and Alumni Relations Office will provide the initial Health Evaluation forms to newly admitted or readmitted students via US mail. Continuing /current students are expected to pick up the required Annual Health Evaluation and Influenza Vaccine Documentation form from SON Student Affairs and Alumni Relations office once available. Students enrolled in the online program will receive all forms via US mail.

2. Each Student is responsible for submitting completed forms, before the due date, to address provided on form.

   • Each Student is required to submit verification of initial & annual TB test or chest X-ray results to SON designee. If results are positive or the Student has received the BCG vaccination, documentation of a negative chest X-ray follow-up is required to be submitted.

   • Approved TB tests include:
     Initial test - the 2 step PPD or QuantiFERON-TB Gold blood test
     Annually, PPD test or QuantiFERON-TB Gold.

3. SON staff designee is responsible for monitoring the health requirements of all students. Forms that are completed with requirements are then scanned and submitted to the Student Placement Coordinator.

4. If appropriate documentation of requirements are/is not submitted, an enrollment hold will be placed on the student's account.

5. When health requirements of a clinical agency exceed those of the School of Nursing, the student is responsible for demonstrating that the additional requirements have been met before beginning the clinical practicum.