



Area: University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine PA Program, Tulsa
Title: Student Health Requirements

1. Immunization and Health Screening Policy

OU-Tulsa students who have patient-facing responsibilities are required to receive certain immunizations to protect patients, other students, and health care providers. The University recognizes that vaccine requirements in certain University settings, in particular patient care settings, are both prudent and important. Vaccine requirements will be updated as appropriate, based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as medical and public health officials.

PA students are required to submit proof of immunizations and Tuberculosis (TB) screening requirements prior to orientation within the Program, as instructed in Complio, and to maintain updated records throughout the entirety of training. Required immunizations and TB screening requirements can be found on the OU-Tulsa Student Health website.

<https://www.ou.edu/tulsastudentaffairs/health/requiredimmunizations>

2. Health Insurance

All students in health science programs (OUHSC-based students) are required by the OU Board of Regents to have personal health insurance. Academic Health Plans (AHP) manages the University of Oklahoma sponsored student health insurance plan provided by Blue Cross and Blue Shield PPO of Oklahoma. Enrollment forms and the Summary of Benefits are available online at <https://ou-tulsa.myahpcare.com/>. Documentation of coverage is required through the Office of Student Affairs.

<https://www.ou.edu/tulsastudentaffairs/health/insurance>

3. OU-Tulsa Student Pathogen Exposure

If an OUHSC student experiences an exposure, the student should follow established protocol. If the exposure takes place Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., the student should report to OU-Tulsa Student Health within one hour of the incident to see a student health provider. Student Health information can be found on their website:

<https://ou.edu/tulsastudentaffairs/health>

Any needle stick, cut, exposure to damaged skin, splash into eyes, nose, or mouth, or any other incident that exposes you to contaminated material will be treated as an exposure incident. Contaminated material is any blood, tissue, or other body fluids that are potentially infectious.

1. Immediately and thoroughly wash the needle stick wound with soap and water. Flush splashes to the nose, mouth, or skin with water. Irrigate eyes with clean water, sterile eye wash, or saline irrigating solution.
2. Report incident immediately to supervisor, preceptor, or clinical instructor. If injury sustained at an OU Clinic, immediately notify the clinic manager.
3. In addition, if the injury is sustained at an outside hospital/clinic, immediately contact the Employee Health Services at that facility. If the injury occurs after hours, on weekends, or holidays, contact the facility's Nurse Supervisor through the operator.
4. Employee Health Services, clinic manager, or nurse supervisor will facilitate acquiring the source's blood labs: Rapid HIV, HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody screen with reflex, Hepatitis B surface antigen, and Hepatitis C antibody.
5. Student is to immediately contact OU-Tulsa Student Health by phone 918-660-3102 and arrive to the clinic within 1-2 hours of exposure if during clinic business hours. If incident occurs after business hours, holidays, times when Student Health is closed or on weekends, the student is to report to the nearest emergency room. At that facility, the student should report to the clerical staff their exposure incidence and the need for urgent evaluation and receipt of medication if applicable. The following weekday, the student must arrive at Student Health to report the incident and receive further evaluation and follow up.
6. Evaluation of the exposure, baseline labs, counseling regarding treatment options if applicable, limited treatment if indicated and recommendations for follow up will be provided at the Student Health Clinic. The cost of lab testing and treatment is the financial responsibility of the student and/or the student's insurance carrier. Post-exposure emergency treatment, whether provided in the Student Health Clinic or an Emergency Department, are the financial responsibility of the student. The office visit in Student Health is the only portion of the provided services covered by the Student Health fee.

Student Health reminds students that needle stick insurance is available as a separate policy through the Macori insurance company. Information is available from the Macori website at www.macori.com. Securing needle stick coverage is strongly recommended.

The Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHSO) provides health, safety, and environmental services to the University of Oklahoma including off-campus facilities to facilitate compliance with all environmental, occupational health and safety regulations. The Comprehensive Safety and Health Program can be located on the website for the EHSO.

<https://compliance.ouhsc.edu/ehso/Home/Policies-Programs>

4. Student Health Records

Student health records are confidential and are not maintained, accessible, or reviewed by the Program. OU-Tulsa Student Health and the University are required to be compliant with HIPAA Privacy and Security Regulations. These regulations cover the use and disclosure of protected health information (PHI). For further information, view the University Compliance website at <https://hipaa.ouhsc.edu/>. Immunization and screening results are maintained by the Program in Complio and are released for educational and clinical rotations with written permission of the student.

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