

SMC Health Services Center General Information

The SMC Health Services Center will render service to Nursing Students who are **currently enrolled** and have current semester **health fees paid**. Nursing Physical Exams are no longer performed in the Health Services Center. A list of providers is listed below or students may utilize their own Health Care Provider.

The SMC Health Services Center is located next to the cafeteria on Main Campus. The Health Services Center hours are subject to change, so please call (310) 434-4262 or check the Health Services Center website to verify hours of services. Do not bring children, including infants, or pets with you when going to the Health Services Center! Family members &/or friends need to wait in the cafeteria **or outside** while you are in the Health Office! **Currently the Health Services Office is open for vaccines on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only between 8am to 2:30pm.**

Nursing Students with laboratory values that indicate a **negative or 'low titer value'** of the required immunization **must be vaccinated and have blood titers redrawn 30 days after the completion of the vaccinations**. Lab results or any questions regarding results should be discussed with your Health Care Provider.

Immunizations/Vaccinations available at SMC Health Services Center (fees subject to change): Vaccination and Re-vaccination will be required for negative titers or titers that are too low and must be initiated prior to starting the program. All fees (the cost for vaccines and TB testing) must be paid for at the Bookstore (Student Health invoice required) and are non-refundable.

1. **Vaccines currently available in Health Services Center:**

A. **Hepatitis B (\$75 per shot):** Series of 3 injections required:

1st shot, 2nd shot a month after and 3rd shot 5 months after 2nd. Series must be initiated prior to starting the program!

B. **MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) (\$80 per shot):** 2 shots, one month apart.

C. **Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertusis) (\$40):**

Proof of vaccination within the last 5 years required.

D. **Varicella (\$135)**

E. **Polio Vaccination: NOT AVAILABLE AT SMC.**

F. **Flu Vaccination (\$20):** Yearly prior to **clinical rotations**.

G. **Meningitis (\$111)**

All titer results must be numerical values. Clinical agencies do not accept "positive or negative" results. Numerical values must be given for each titer.

2. TB Clearance for the Nursing Program is done by the 2 Step TB (Mantoux) test. 1st TB test cost is **\$21** & second TB test is **\$21**. The 2nd TB test is placed one week after the 1st is read. TB test must be read 48 to 72 hours after it is placed. Failure to return for reading requires a **retesting fee of \$25**. If the TB test is positive or documented history of a positive (PPD) TB test, a chest x-ray (CXR) must be done to document TB clearance. CXR can be done for \$30 with an SMC Health Services Center referral. (Please note: TB Test must be read by a licensed Health Care Professional, i.e., MD, DO, PA, RNP, RN, LVN but not an MA, Medical Assistant).

Please call (310) 434-4262 to speak to an RN if you have questions about vaccinations, titers, etc. Please contact the Health Sciences Department regarding any objection to the vaccination requirements and stated policy. Nursing students hold the responsibility to comply with TB clearance, vaccine completion and for notifying the Health Sciences Department of ALL results.

*The following providers (listed in alphabetical order) are not endorsed by SMC Health Services Center. These providers offer services at varying cost that may assist the Nursing Student in complying with Nursing Program Requirements: Physical Exam, vaccinations, lab work, TB testing etc.:

- **CVS Minute Clinic:** find a location near you at www.cvs.com
- **Reliant Immediate Care Medical Group:** (open 24 hours, cash only) 9601 S. Sepulveda Blvd. L.A. 90045; 310.215.6020
- **Wellness Mart, MD:** open 7 days, reasonable cost; 12200 Wilshire Blvd. L.A. 90025; 310.820.2150; www.wellnessmart.com
- **Westside Family Health Center:** low cost L.A. County Clinic for the uninsured; 1711 Ocean Park Blvd. Santa Monica, 90405; 310.450.2191; www.wfhcenter.org

Check the SMC Health Services Center website for general information: www.smc.edu/healthcenter.