


Policy Title: Immunization Requirements			
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Responsible Office:	Student Health and Counseling Center		
Responsible Administrator:	Vice President for Student Affairs		
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PURPOSE

To be in compliance with Oregon Administrative Rule 580-010-005, Oregon Administrative Rule 333-050-0130, and Oregon Revised Statutes 433.273, Western Oregon University requires that all students present appropriate proof of immunizations and medical tests.

AUDIENCE

Any full time student (9 or more credits) born on or after January 1, 1957.

DEFINITIONS

N/A

POLICY STATEMENT

Following the recommendations from the American College Health Association (ACHA), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the immunization Practices Advisory Committee (ACIP), and the Oregon Health Division (OHD); incoming students (those taking 9 or more undergraduate or graduate hours) will be required to provide proof of immunization for the following:

Required:

1. Rubeola (Red measles) – students born January 1, 1957 or later must show proof of two doses of measles vaccine, the first dose after 12 months of age.
2. Rubella (German measles) – students born January 1, 1957 or later must show proof of one immunization after 12 months of age.

Recommended:

1. Tuberculosis – A tuberculin skin test (either PPD or Tine) within 12 months of

admission. Students who show a positive reaction to the skin test must have a chest x-ray. A written record of the date of the x-ray results and physician's signature is required. Students who have a past history of a positive skin test or tuberculosis must have a chest x-ray within 12 months of admission. Written documentation is required, including date and results of positive skin test, treatment, and medication taken.

2. Mumps – One booster dose
3. Rubella – (German/3-day measles) – one booster dose
4. Meningitis – One dose of Meningococcal – Menomune or Menactra
5. Hepatitis A Series – Two doses
6. Hepatitis B Series – Three doses
7. Varicella – (Chicken pox) – One dose
8. Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis – Booster dose within the last 10 years
9. Polio

PROCEDURES

Each entering student is required to provide a completed Health History form, including documentation of dates required immunizations were given, to the Student Health and Counseling Center. Accepted documentation may be a copy of doctor's office or medical clinic records, public health department records, personal immunization card (provided by clinic staff), previous high school or college immunization records.

Each term, the Registrar's Office will provide the Student Health and Counseling Center with a list of new incoming students. A Medical Hold will be placed on the record of each student not in compliance and that student will not be able to register for the following term. This Medical Hold will be removed by the Student Health and Counseling Center only when the student provides documentation of immunizations or exemption statements.

Immunization requirements may be waived for students who have certain medical conditions or for non-medical (religious or personal conviction) reasons. Qualifying medical conditions may include pregnancy or breast feeding, diseases which lower resistance to infection, or present use of medications which lower resistance to infection. Non-medical exemptions include having a belief system, practices or ethical values which prohibit the use of immunizations. Please be aware that waived students may be removed from classes if an outbreak of the disease occurs.

All students requesting medical immunization exemption are required to come to the Student Health and Counseling Center in person within two weeks of their first registered term in order to sign a waiver form and receive verbal and written information about the waiver.

Students requesting non-medical immunization exemption have two options for completing the waiver. The student may come to the Student Health and Counseling Center in person to sign the waiver, or may log on to www.healthoregon.org/vaccineexemption, complete the online training module, print the completed certificate, and bring the certificate to the Student Health and Counseling Center.

FORMS

N/A

AUTHORITY

This policy is based on Oregon Administrative Rule 580-010-0005 that states that “All students must present appropriate proof of immunizations and tests required by policies established by institutional presidents.”

http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/rules/oars_500/oar_580/580_010.html

In addition, Oregon Administrative Rule 333-050-0130 which states in part: “The Division shall require each post-secondary educational institution, except a community college and a private, proprietary vocational school, to require that each entering full-time student born on or after January 1, 1957 has two doses of Measles vaccine prior to the student’s second quarter or semester of enrollment on an Oregon campus, using procedures developed by the institution.”

http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/rules/oars_300/oar_333/333_050.html

The immunization exemption procedures are outlined in Senate Bill 132 amending Oregon Revised Statutes 433.267, 433.273 and 433.284

(<http://public.health.oregon.gov/preventionwellness/vaccinesimmunization/ruleslaws>).

RESPONSIBILITY

The Director of the Student Health and Counseling Center and the Vice President for Student Affairs are responsible for this policy and may be contacted at (503) 838-8845 and (503) 838-8457 respectively.

Alternate formats of this policy may be requested from the Office of Human Resources.