



## 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/SAM/> 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.

**Current Health Insurance Coverage:** Ochsner Health requires health insurance for all students.

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

Ochsner Health 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 or TB Health Screen form completed within 12 months upon acceptance to clinical activity at an Ochsner facility.

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

Ochsner Health 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. Also acceptable is physician documented 2 doses of MMR vaccine.

**Hepatitis B Vaccine completed 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 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 urine drug screen at a qualified collection clinic 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/disclaimer.html>

**Influenza Vaccination:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that all healthcare workers receive the influenza vaccine. The Ochsner Health policy provides an organized strategy to ensure that Ochsner Health's workforce, students, volunteers, and contract labor have had the influenza vaccine. All students and program faculty are required to receive the influenza vaccine by December 15<sup>th</sup> of each year unless an approved influenza vaccination exemption is granted by the school.

Each school is responsible for managing their vaccination exemption process consistent with the laws that apply to them. School must certify to Ochsner via the attestation form or InPlace Compliance that the school's vaccination exemption process was completed, and the student or faculty was granted an exemption. Anyone with a certified school-approved exemption 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.

**COVID-19 Vaccination:** To protect our patients and employees, Ochsner Health requires all students and program faculty completing clinical activities at an Ochsner site to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. School must verify student and/or faculty are fully vaccinated with either two doses of Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines or one dose of Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.

Each school is responsible for managing their vaccination exemption process consistent with the laws that apply to them. School must certify to Ochsner via the Attestation Sheet(Allied Health) or InPlace Compliance(Nursing) that the school's vaccination exemption process was completed, and the student or faculty was granted an exemption. Students and faculty with a school-approved vaccination exemption are required to wear a KN95 mask at all times, regardless of location or assignment, while at an Ochsner facility. Exempt students and faculty are required to complete weekly COVID-19 testing. Programs with an exempt student or faculty are required to submit documentation of the individual's negative COVID-19 test weekly by each Wednesday to [vaccination.academics@ochsner.org](mailto:vaccination.academics@ochsner.org). Weekly testing is the responsibility of the student/faculty. Schools, programs, faculty and/or students that do not comply with these requirements will not be allowed at any Ochsner Health site for clinical rotations.

**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.