



Complete Policy Title	Immunization and Non-Academic Requirements
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1. Background and Principles:

Students in the MD Program will potentially be working with patients very early in their MD training, often within the first several weeks of entering the Program. The Program is responsible for ensuring that both students and patients are appropriately protected across a number of dimensions. As such, students are expected to provide proof of compliance, testing or training with respect to these non-academic dimensions prior to entering a setting where interaction with or care of patients will occur. Each year the Faculty of Health Sciences and the MD Program will establish the mandatory non-academic requirements and the deadlines for completion of those requirements. This list will change from time to time and includes: immunizations, CPR training, police record checks, and mask-fit testing.

2. Expectations Regarding Non-Academic Requirements:

All students in the MD Program are expected to provide proof of compliance, testing or training with respect to non-academic requirements. The MD Program will provide students with the list of non-academic requirements and the deadlines for provision of proof of compliance. This will be provided on admission and prior to the beginning of each academic year in the Program.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that they provide proof of compliance for each non-academic requirement following the instructions provided.

3. Failure to Provide Proof of Compliance with Non-Academic Requirements:

Any student who does not provide proof of compliance of non-academic requirements by September 1st of each year of participation in the MD Program (or by the deadline provided if not September 1st) will be temporarily withdrawn from participation in any learning or assessment activities that involve patient contact until proof of compliance has been provided. In addition to the student, the MD Program will notify the following individuals regarding the student's inability to participate in direct patient contact

activities: (a) Program Administrators at each campus will be notified on September 1st of any students who are non-compliant; (b) Student Advisor; (c) Medical Foundations: tutor, clinical skills preceptor, Family Medicine preceptor; (d) Clerkship: Clerkship Director and/or REL, Clerkship Coordinator and/or REL Assistant; and (e) Electives Office. Students' files will reflect that they are not in good standing until compliance is demonstrated.

Any learning or assessment activities that are missed because of temporary withdrawal need to be remediated consistent with normal Program practices for remediating missed activities. Students who are not able to remediate missed activities prior to formal assessments (e.g. end-MF evaluation; end-Clerkship evaluation; elective evaluation, etc.) may receive a provisional satisfactory or unsatisfactory on their evaluation. If the student's inability to participate in direct patient contact resulted in insufficient assessment opportunities, the student may receive a provisional satisfactory or unsatisfactory on the basis of knowledge, skills, and/or professional behaviours. The normal assessment policies apply to students who receive provisional satisfactory or unsatisfactory evaluations.

Students who are to be temporarily withdrawn from participation in any learning or assessment activities that involve patient contact but who choose to engage in patient contact regardless may receive appropriate sanctions including citation for unprofessional behavior resulting in appropriate consequences.

4. Exceptional Circumstances:

There may be students who demonstrate exceptional circumstances wherein this policy should be modified or waived and this will be determined on a case by case basis by the relevant adjudicating bodies in the Faculty of Health Sciences or the MD Program.

5. Patient Contact While Outside of the Formal MD Program:

There are students who will have contact with patients while not participating in the normal components of the MD Program, including (a) students in the MD/PhD Program participating in clinical electives during their PhD training; and (b) students on Enrichment (Year) Training. Any student who will have any patient contact while registered in the MD Program at McMaster or in joint programs or other training activities associated with McMaster's MD Program are required to meet the expectations of this policy.