VACCINATION EVIDENCE FORM

To be eligible to attend placement, QLD Health mandates that all students comply with the Vaccine Preventable Diseases requirements. All required vaccinations must be complete prior to placement.

How to provide evidence to the School of Nursing and Midwifery USC

1. Print the Vaccination Evidence Form
2. Take the Vaccine Evidence form, along with evidence of your vaccinations, to your doctor.
3. Your doctor must complete and initial all immunisation sections.
4. For the form to be valid, the top right-hand corner must contain your GP’s stamp.
5. Upload your completed Vaccination Evidence form to Sonia Online.
6. Keep a copy of this evidence in your own personal portfolio.

Frequently Asked Questions

I think I may have already been immunised.
You need to visit your GP and discuss the appropriate course of action to satisfactorily complete the Vaccination Evidence Form.

I am a conscientious objector and do not wish to be immunised.
You are free to make your own choices regarding immunisation but if you cannot provide evidence of immunisation, under Queensland Health guidelines, placement facilities both public and private will not accept you for placement, without exception.

*International students:* you can commence/complete your required vaccinations before your arrival in Australia; BUT your Vaccination Evidence Form may need to be completed by a Doctor in Australia; as we require your Hepatitis B serology report to be written in English.

HEPB SEROLOGY

Please note: A Hep B serology report is required in addition to the Vaccination Evidence form. Please upload this to Sonia Online Checks separately.

FLU VACCINATION EVIDENCE (MANDATORY)

Evidence of vaccination for Influenza is MANDATORY and required on a yearly basis when the vaccine is available. Upload the evidence, which is provided to you by the health practitioner that administers the vaccination, to Sonia Online Checks.
Queensland Health has advised that before commencing a clinical placement, students must complete a **QHealth Tuberculosis Risk Assessment for Students**. This is a mandatory requirement for placement.

**Action Required:**
1. Use the following link to print the **QHealth Tuberculosis Risk Assessment for Students** and complete the form following the embedded guidelines.

2. Log onto SONIA, go to the FORMS tab and select EDIT for the USC TB Risk Completion.

3. Complete the electronic form where indicated, including uploading your completed QHealth ‘Tuberculosis Risk Assessment Form for STUDENTS’ and any additional required documentation in the spaces provided, then SUBMIT. If you do not have the relevant supporting evidence, please see steps to be taken below.

4. Take a printed copy of your completed questionnaire and any relevant supporting evidence to placement.

**Supporting Evidence:**
If you have answered YES to **any questions in Part A**, make an urgent appointment with your doctor or TB Control Unit for assessment of your symptom/s. You will require a clearance for signs of active TB from the assessing clinician (doctor or TB Control Unit) to be provided to USC Nursing Placements before you can commence a placement.

If you have answered YES to any questions **3-5 in Part B** on the Queensland Health TB Risk Assessment Form for Students you require further assessment, please take one of the following actions:

1. Contact your TB Control Unit by email on msctb@health.qld.gov.au with the Subject “Skin Test Form”.
2. The Queensland Health TB Control Unit will send you a Self-Referral Form to complete.
3. Complete the Self-Referral Form and return it via email to msctb@health.qld.gov.au
4. The TB Control Unit will then send you a confirmation email.
5. Please print this email as it will allow you to attend your clinical placement prior to your further testing.
6. **Forward a copy of the TB Control Units confirmation email to** nursingplacements@usc.edu.au

   The TB Control Unit will contact you at a later date via email with an appointment for your TB Screening. (You will not be charged for this screening)

   OR

1. Take your completed form to your GP for further testing and confirmation that you are cleared to proceed to your nursing clinical placement (This may incur a cost).
2. **Email a copy of this evidence to** nursingplacements@usc.edu.au

If you have answered YES to any of questions **6 – 7 from Part B**, you require further assessment. Contact your TB Control Unit by following the link on your form or calling 3176 4141 for advice.

Further information on TB can be found on the following QLD Health webpage: [TB risk assessment frequently asked questions](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/tuberculosis/about-tuberculosis/tuberculosis-risks-and-risks-assessments)

Please contact TB Control Unit on 31764141 if you have any questions.