



## Department of Occupational Therapy

### Policy 6.0. *Immunization Requirements*

#### **POLICY PURPOSE**

To protect OT students and others from diseases/illnesses and to ensure compliance with Board of Regents policy.

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Board of Regents and AU have established minimum immunization requirements. All OT students must provide AU Student Health Services with sufficient evidence of meeting immunization requirements. The Student Affairs Committee will monitor student compliance with the immunization policy established by the BOR.

#### **Procedures:**

1. All OT students must meet the AU minimum immunization requirements established by the institution. Students must provide immunization evidence or have proof of immunity with serological titer against MMR, rubella (German measles), rubeola (red measles), polio, diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis (primary and booster), hepatitis B and varicella (chicken pox).
2. All AU students are required to have a TB test (PPD) within three months prior to first enrollment at AU and annually thereafter.
3. Students have secure access to their immunization records via the Student Health website. This immunization record will serve as official documentation of immunization compliance.
4. Faculty members are to refer OT students to the AU Immunization policy for any exceptions to the immunization policy <http://www.augusta.edu/shs/immunizations.php>

It is the student's responsibility to secure all necessary immunizations, or documentation, required by each fieldwork site the student has selected. Faculty members are to advise students that fieldwork sites may refuse to accept any student that does not meet the respective facility's immunization minimum requirements, regardless of the reason for not securing the immunization(s). AU will not send students on fieldwork without proof of immunizations to protect the clients served in the respective fieldwork facilities. Failure to attend fieldwork due to lack of immunization compliance may result in the student receiving a failing grade for the fieldwork experience. Failing a FW experience may result in a delay of subsequent fieldwork experiences and a delay in graduation.



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