

HEPATITIS B VIRUS VACCINATION/IMMUNIZATION

Policy:

Pearl River Community College Board of Trustees requires that all faculty and students involved in health related programs obtain a vaccination against Hepatitis B Virus.

Procedure:

Based on the American Association of Colleges of Nursing document entitled "Policy and Guidelines for Addressing Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Hepatitis B Virus Infection in the Nursing Education Community, February 1992," the Pearl River Community College Board of Trustees hereby adopts this policy to control the rapid increase of blood borne diseases to protect the best interest of the school, students, faculty, and patients in the health care settings in which PRCC participates by requiring Associate Degree Nursing faculty and Associate Degree Nursing students to undergo protective procedures, as defined in specific forms (dated for identification) to be signed by each faculty member, student, in this regard. Said forms are attached hereto as part of this policy. Further, this policy shall be reviewed annually, prior to each Fall semester, or periodically as the need may arise, by a nursing faculty committee, for confirmation that the provisions of said form remain in effect or that said provisions need to be revised.

Faculty members who might be exposed to blood in the clinical supervision of students are required to undergo HBV vaccination at the College's expense, unless shown to be immune or medically at risk from the vaccine, or to sign a declination form indicating refusal or accept the offered vaccination as per the Occupational Safety and Health Administrations' December 1991, safety standard for health care workers exposure to blood borne pathogens. [56 Federal Register 65175 (12/06/91)]

Students are required to present documentation of a completed series of HBV immunizations either upon admission to the nursing program or within six (6) months of admission to the nursing program unless shown to be immune or medically at risk. Students not providing documentation of HBV vaccination, immunity, or medical risk, must sign declination form and wavier of liability for Pearl River Community College. Students are responsible for the cost of the vaccinations.