

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Vaccination Policy for Health Placements

It is the student's responsibility to maintain an up to date and accurate vaccination record.

What does the Department of Health say?

All Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists (including students) are at risk from exposure to hazardous substances including pathogens. Every individual has a duty of care to protect patients, colleagues and yourself by completing any required courses of vaccinations, to ensure that you are immunised in accordance with the recommendations from the Department of Health.

You may have already received some immunisations as part of your childhood immunisation programme. If you have not received these vaccinations as a child you will need to ensure they are given as part of your immunisation programme. You must obtain evidence from your GP practice of your vaccination history.

What does York St John University say?

Students are advised to be vaccinated to ensure fitness to practice, however we understand there may be exceptions due to medical reasons or religious beliefs. If you choose not to complete the immunisation programme you MUST inform the medical centre and placement co-ordinator as it will impact upon placements available to you and may need to be disclosed to the placement co-ordinator in order to manage risk.

All students have access to the student medical centre on campus to receive free vaccinations. Vaccinations will need to be completed (or in the case of the Hepatitis B, which takes 6 months to complete, commenced) prior to the start of the first professional practice placement.

What vaccinations do I need?

- Diphtheria / Tetanus / Polio
Last does within 10 years
- Measles / Mumps / Rubella
Two doses
- Tuberculosis
Blood test may be needed to show immunity
- Hepatitis B
Three doses, Optional but recommended
- Meningitis C
Optional but recommended

Am I ready for placement?

- 1** Are my vaccinations up to date?
YES: Go to step #3 / NO: Go to step #2
- 2** I have seen my GP to get vaccinated?
YES: Go to step #3 / NO: Contact Faculty Office
- 3** Do I have my printed vaccination record?
YES: Go to step #4 / NO: Contact your GP
- 4** Is your record stored in your placement passport?
YES: Go to step #5 / NO: Upload this now
- 5** Have you completed steps 1-4?
YES: You're ready / NO: You're not ready

Students will not be permitted to begin placement without the required vaccinations (or other agreed arrangement).