



BELMONT COLLEGE

Belmont College Health Program Vaccination Statement

Health and immunizations requirements are not a stipulation for entrance to Belmont College (the “College”). However, students seeking entrance to any of the College’s healthcare programs are subject to health and immunization requirements as a direct result of the demands of the healthcare facilities utilized by the programs to achieve student learning outcomes. Those students who are choosing to enter a healthcare profession must sincerely reflect on the personal healthcare requirements that they may face as a student and later as a professional.

Healthcare facilities are requiring College students to demonstrate proof of compliance with their health and immunization requirements prior to entrance into the facility for clinical experiences. Entrance to any healthcare facility by college students is a privilege which can be revoked due to non-compliance with the signed clinical contract which outlines their health and immunization requirements.

The College’s healthcare programs generally require clinical experiences at a wide range of facilities, so choosing not to participate at facilities where vaccines are required limits a student’s ability to achieve the skills required by the program’s learning outcomes and may lead to failure to complete the program.

Many facilities with health and immunization requirements have provisions for exemptions based upon religion or specific medical considerations. Students who receive vaccine exemptions from a clinical facility must follow the facility’s policies pertaining to these exemptions. All exemptions are subject to review and may be rescinded based upon new healthcare guidelines. Any student who receives a vaccine exemption from a clinical facility must follow the facility’s policies pertaining to the exemption and assumes the cost of any additional requirements set by the facility for those who are not vaccinated, including, but not limited to, mask fit testing or additional disease testing. Students must provide a copy of the approved exemption to the College through their healthcare program.

Some clinical facilities are requiring the College to determine exemptions based on religion or specific medical conditions. All exemptions processed by the College will be determined by the

individual healthcare program and must also be accepted by the healthcare facility. A student seeking an exemption from the College must submit the required paperwork. All exemptions processed by the College will be valid for the length of the current academic year, unless specified differently by a healthcare facility's exemption policy. A student must reapply for an exemption each academic year or upon reinstatement or change of program. All exemptions are subject to review and may be rescinded based upon new healthcare guidelines. Any student who receives a vaccine exemption from the College must follow any healthcare facility's policies pertaining to the exemption and assumes the cost of any additional requirements set by any facility for those who are not vaccinated, including, but not limited to, mask fit testing or additional disease testing.

It is the student's responsibility to seek exemptions in a timely manner that will not delay his/her scheduled entrance to their assigned healthcare facility. Any absence due to the exemption review process not being completed by the time of planned entry to the healthcare facility is at the fault of the student. These absences will not be excused and will be made up only as permitted and outlined by the healthcare program. Students are to obtain the necessary paperwork from their healthcare program. All completed paperwork is to be returned to the healthcare program in a timely fashion.

The College cannot guarantee the availability of an exemption at any healthcare facility. The decision denying an exemption by the College is final and cannot be petitioned. However, a student may reapply for a previously denied exemption based on new and additional information. Refusing to comply with the health and immunization requirements and policies of a healthcare facility may result in failure to meet the requirements of the academic program. Such a choice is at the student's own personal risk and could prevent the student from successful completion of the academic program. The College is not responsible for providing alternative clinical sites due to a student's exemption status. The College is not responsible for any illnesses or healthcare expenses acquired by the student in relation to their clinical experiences.