COVID-19 Vaccine and Clinical Rotations

Requirement
The University and College of Nursing (CON) do not require students to be vaccinated against COVID-19, but most of CON’s clinical sites require that students training at their sites be vaccinated against COVID-19.

A small number of clinical sites do not have vaccination requirements and/or may allow students to request an exemption or accommodation from their COVID-19 vaccination requirement. However, it may not be possible for CON to place unvaccinated students at these sites.

Because COVID-19 vaccination is required at most clinical sites, and clinical sites that do not require vaccination and/or allow for exemptions may change their vaccination policy at any time, unvaccinated students must understand that there could be situations where CON will not be able to place an unvaccinated student in a required clinical rotation, even if the student has requested an accommodation.

Accommodations
Some clinical partners may allow students to request accommodations/exemptions through the clinical partner’s exemption/accommodation process.

- If an unvaccinated student plans to seek an accommodation or exemption through a clinical partner’s accommodation/exemption process, the student should follow the clinical site’s accommodation/exemption process.
- If an unvaccinated student plans to seek a religious or medical accommodation with the CON/University, the student should contact the Clinical Compliance Coordinators, as soon as possible. They will direct you on the next steps for requesting an accommodation.
- If a clinical partner does not allow exemptions or accommodations to its vaccination requirement or requires students to go through the clinical partner’s exemption/accommodation process and the student’s request is denied by the clinical partner, the student may still request an accommodation through the University. However, the university cannot grant exemptions or accommodations to a clinical partner’s vaccination requirements.
- If placement at an alternative clinical site is not a possible accommodation, the only available accommodations may be deferral or temporary withdrawal from the program.

BSN-IH Students
All BSN-IH students are required to rotate at a site that requires students training at the site to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and this site does not provide for or allow accommodations or exemptions from this requirement.

BSN and MEPN Students
There are limited clinical placement opportunities at sites that do not have a vaccination requirement and/or allow accommodations or exemptions. Therefore, you may be placed at a rotation site that requires students training at the site to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and does not provide for or allow accommodations or exemptions from this requirement.

Advanced Program Students (RN-MS, Graduate Certificates and Doctoral Programs)
Most placements are made on a case-by-case basis, so be sure to check the requirements of your clinical facility. If you are not vaccinated and are placed at a rotation site that requires students training at the site to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and does not provide for or allow accommodations or exemptions from this requirement, please contact the Clinical Compliance Coordinators and Clinical Placement Coordinators as soon as possible.

For questions or further information, please contact our Clinical Compliance Coordinators at con-osaa@email.arizona.edu and include your program name and ‘Compliance’ in the subject line.