



# Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

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## HEALTH REQUIREMENTS INFORMATION SHEET

Health Services programs provide opportunities for students/graduates to work with individuals, families, groups and communities in a variety of settings. Experiences in a Health Services program can be emotionally and physically intensive. The following is a list of personal attributes that will assist you to be successful with your future endeavor:

- A caring nature
- An interest in the well-being of others
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- The ability to function as a collaborative member of a group
- The ability to sustain physical activity for extended periods of time
- The ability to work calmly and patiently under stress
- Good self-care strategies

It is extremely important that students in the Health Services programs be in good health and have the most up-to-date immunizations. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they are properly immunized. Students who are not immunized, risk the possibility of being denied their practicum placement and will find it difficult to secure employment upon completion of the program.

The following immunizations are required:

- Students born after 1970 need a Measles, Mumps and Rubella (German Measles) booster
- Polio immunization (primary series) and Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoid
- Immunization against Hepatitis B (a series of 3 injections over 6 months)
- Immunization against Influenza for the current flu-season year
- A current negative TB skin test or chest x-ray

\* **Note** students who do not have their immunizations prior to the practicum portion of the program, risk being denied practicum placement. This is beyond the control of NVIT and is totally at the discretion of the clinical facility.

Students who have health problems that may impact their on the job performance, within a Health Services program, are encouraged to discuss their circumstances with the Dean or an instructor. This is so that we can provide support and assistance to you during the program for optimum success.

Please call Interior Health – Public Health at (250) 378-3400 for the most current information or if you have any further questions related to the immunizations that are required.

NVIT staff is here to support you throughout the program and will make every attempt to ensure you are successful.