VACCINATION POLICY

Healthcare careers are an excellent choice for people who like fast-paced environments where they have the opportunity to help improve people's lives. To ensure our students are well-prepared for their future career, they will have the opportunity through our externship program to receive valuable “hands-on” experience in a hospital, clinic, doctor’s office or other health-related facility. This experience will reinforce skills learned in the classroom in an actual work environment and provide opportunities to begin networking in the health career field. It's important that students keep in mind that, like many career fields, there are some risks inherent in the health field. To maximize your opportunity for a successful career in the health field, please read the following information. We want to be sure that you understand the risks and take appropriate precautions.

- Exposure to health risks is an inherent part of training for and working in the healthcare field. I understand that I will have an increased risk of exposure to health related problems and illnesses that could lead to serious and/or debilitating health problems and even premature death. These risks include Hepatitis B and I have been informed that this very serious illness could be prevented by a Hepatitis B vaccination. I will talk to my doctor about any questions or concerns that I may have prior to beginning training. **I further understand that I will be responsible for obtaining this immunization prior to my clinical classes and externship unless a physician documents that I am medically prohibited from receiving this immunization.**

- I will take serious these risks and I will consciously comply with all precautions and safety procedures whether these are provided to me by my instructor or other personnel at the institution or by personnel at any externship site (if I do an externship) or any employer.

- If you have any health related problems or impairments that might put you at greater health-related risk, talk with your physician and decide to determine whether you should enter a health field training program.

- Requirements to work in health careers are rapidly evolving and generally becoming more extensive. You may be required to meet additional standards, including, but not limited to, getting additional vaccinations and/or tests in order to go on your externship, and/or to be eligible for a job with some health care providers. Any costs associated with needing any additional requirements are your responsibility.

- Illegal drug use increases your exposure to health problems such as Hepatitis and may prevent you from finding employment in the health field.

I accept full responsibility and accept the risks inherent in health careers, and I release the campus, its staff, faculty and representatives (and my extern site, if I do an externship) from any and all legal liability for any injuries, illness, or health problems of any nature as a result of my health career training program or employment.

I have read, understand and agree with the above information.