

Information re: Health Requirements

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

- 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 Sciences programs be in good health and have up-to-date immunizations. It is strongly recommended that students have the following:

- 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 year \*\*

\*\* Students who are not immunized against influenza during the “flu season” risk the possibility of being denied their practicum placement. This is beyond the control of VCC and is totally at the discretion of the clinical facility.

A negative TB skin test or chest x-ray is required for admission to programs. TB skin tests are available at the Downtown Campus only at a small charge. Please call VCC Health Services at 604-443-8336 for an appointment.

Students who have health problems that may impact on their performance within a health sciences program are encouraged to discuss their circumstances with their Department Head or instructor. This is so that we can provide support and assistance to you during the program for optimum success. VCC does have a physician available during certain parts of the educational week for assistance or consultation as well.