

## CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY STUDENT HEALTH CARE

One of the requirements for social services and health care students is that their health does not prevent them from working in the nursing field.

**It is extremely important** that student has adequate valid vaccinations stated in the Act and Decree on Infectious Diseases. **All this is because of patient's safety and infection law in Finland.**

1. **Tetanus-diphtheria-vaccination** (lock-jaw and diphtheria). The vaccine is given as a booster vaccine as part of the national vaccination programme to adolescents aged 14-15 years and at the age of 25 years. Those born in 1993 and after are entitled to receive the dtap vaccine at the age of 25. If you have not received the vaccine, you can still get it later.
2. **Polio-vaccination.** Three to four (3—4) received vaccinations are sufficient. Boosters needed only when travelling to high-risk areas.
3. **MPR-vaccination** (measles, mumps and German measles). All health care students must have **two** valid MPR vaccinations.
4. **In addition**, you should provide information of previous **hepatitis A and/or hepatitis B vaccinations.** Nurse student will have Hepatitis B vaccination if she/he has not have it before studies. Hepatitis A vaccination is not part of the vaccination scheme and it is not required, even if you study in a health care institution. However, situations might arise during the studies, when readily available information about previous vaccinations against hepatitis is important.
5. For all social services and health care students are given **a seasonal influenza vaccination.** You can get this vaccination either from the student health care or from your local health care centre in November-December during your studies.
6. If you have not had Chickenpox, you should be vaccinated against if needed.
7. Foreign (those who come some other country than Finland) students are required to provide certificate proving that they are not carriers of infectious tuberculosis or MRSA.
8. If you need Coronavirus related vaccinations, tests and certificates, you can get them at the health care centre of your domicile.

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