

Dear Student

Students who undertake health care courses are required to undergo Occupational Health assessment to ensure that they are both physically and mentally fit to undertake their course of study. There are 2 stages to the assessment process that students must comply with. These stages are explained below.

### **Stage 1 of Assessment: Training Course**

Successful applicants will be asked to complete an online occupational health assessment questionnaire. The purpose of the assessment is to identify students who have health issues in order that we can assess what additional support you may require on your course. Please note it is very rare that a student has a health condition that we cannot accommodate with adjustments. If a condition is identified on your questionnaire our independent occupational health provider, OHWorks Ltd, will contact you to discuss your health condition with you further. They will contact you by phone or email and may arrange a face-to-face consultation if necessary. The information you provide to them is confidential and is not shared with us, although they will share with us information around adjustments that may be required to assist you on your course.

### **Stage 2 of Assessment: Clinical Placement**

Prior to commencing your first clinical placement you must have a satisfactory level of protection from infectious diseases. This will ensure that you are not at risk of acquiring or spreading serious infectious diseases to vulnerable patients. It is your responsibility to make the necessary arrangements for these vaccinations with your General Practitioner (GP) before your course commences. It is possible that your GP may require you to pay the NHS charges for the vaccinations. **These charges will not be reimbursed by London South Bank University.**

We have enclosed a vaccination history form for you to take to your GP. Please give yourself sufficient time to get these vaccinations before you commence your course. Your GP should not charge you for completing the form. The vaccination/screening tests you will require from your GP are as follows:

#### **1. Tuberculosis**

You may have received a BCG immunisation when you were at school or as a baby. If you have received a BCG please obtain documentary evidence from your GP. (If you are unable to provide this documentation you may need to have a mantoux skin test as part of the occupational health clearance undertaken at the university).

#### **2. Measles Mumps and Rubella (MMR)**

You will be required to provide either:

- i) Measles and Rubella blood test results indicating you have immunity
- ii) Documentary evidence of two MMR vaccinations

#### **3. Chickenpox (VZV)**

You will be required to provide one of the following:

- i) Verbal history confirming previous chickenpox infection (if born in the UK)
- ii) Chickenpox blood test result indicating you have immunity (if born outside the UK)
- iii) Minimum of one or preferably two documented vaccine doses of varicella

#### **4. Hepatitis B**

GP evidence required to confirming either of the following:

- i) Blood test result indicating your hepatitis B antibody level
- ii) One documented vaccine dose of hepatitis B

#### **5. Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polios (DTP)**

GP evidence required confirming history of childhood vaccinations and boosters.

**Students should be aware that you will not be permitted on placement unless you have the required immunisation and any delays with this process could jeopardise your continuation on the course.**

## What do I do now?

- Make an appointment with your GP or nurse to commence your vaccination programme – remember to take the accompanying Vaccination and Screening History form with you to your appointment/s.**
- Please bring a copy of your immunity blood test results, if available, to your Occupational Health appointment.**

Our Occupational Health Service will see you in the first two weeks of your course to ensure you have obtained the necessary vaccinations and will undertake vaccinations/screening tests you have missed. Please note, however, that some of the vaccination schedules are long and if you have not had these from your GP this may delay you undertaking your clinical placement. Please therefore see your GP and do not rely on the OH service for your vaccinations. **Attendance at OH appointments is mandatory and must take precedence over any other arrangements.**

It is important that you bring your vaccination form with you when you attend your occupational health appointment. **For students on Midwifery and Operating Department Practitioner courses please bring your passport of photographic driving licence with you to your appointment as you will require additional blood tests and your identity will need to be verified before these tests are taken.**

Please Note: If you experience any changes to your health before your start date, you must inform the Occupational Health service immediately by emailing [lsbu@ohworks.co.uk](mailto:lsbu@ohworks.co.uk) in order that a re-assessment can be arranged if necessary.