HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Meningitis Policy
Effective January 1, 2012, Texas law requires that all new, entering, and transfer college students age 21 and younger must receive a vaccination or booster against bacterial meningitis. An entering student also includes a student who has had a break of enrollment of one or more fall or spring semesters. For more information, please visit the Meningitis Vaccination Requirement website (https://www.twu.edu/student-health-services/immunization-compliance).

Tuberculosis Screening
All new students who have lived in areas of the world where tuberculosis is prevalent are required to be screened for tuberculosis (TB blood testing only); this includes all new and transfer international students and all new TEC 54.052 students. TB screening may be performed at TWU Student Health Services on the Denton campus, one of its subcontracting clinics sites in Dallas or Houston, or any other licensed medical facility in the United States. Screening for tuberculosis shall be initiated prior to registration for classes at TWU. Students with positive TB test results or history of taking TB prophylaxis or treatment are required to be evaluated by a medical provider and submit a Statement of Tuberculosis Clearance Form (http://www.twu.edu/media/documents/student-health/International_TB_Chest_Clearance_Form.pdf). For additional information regarding this policy, please contact Student Health Services (http://www.twu.edu/student-health-services/default.asp). International students may consult with the Office of International Education (http://www.twu.edu/international-education).

Students in Health-related Majors
Students admitted to education and health-related programs that involve contact with patients are required to be immunized against chicken pox, hepatitis B, influenza, measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis, tetanus/diphtheria, and have annual TB screening; some departments have additional immunization and testing requirements. Proof of immunization is required at the time a student begins clinical coursework.

Some clinical facilities and school systems with which the University affiliates require that students be tested for drugs and have criminal background checks done. When this is required, students will have the screening done at their own expense. Departmental policy governs the procedures to be followed. Failure to meet the screening standards may result in the student being required to withdraw from the program.

Clinical facilities may require that students have health insurance. When this is required, students must show proof of health insurance.

Texas Woman's University does not require HIV testing of its students; however, some agencies with which the University affiliates for clinical training may require such testing. Texas law requires that if a health care worker who is HIV positive performs exposure-prone procedures, the health care worker must notify a prospective patient of the health care worker’s seropositive status and receive the patient’s consent to perform the procedure.