



Welcome to the School of Health and Social Care!

Firstly, I would like to congratulate you on your success on enrolling on your course and welcome you to the School of Health and Social Care at Staffordshire University.

We are looking forward to supporting you through your journey of becoming the best practitioner you can be. As you are aware a large part of your learning on this course involves diverse clinical work based learning environments. These environments will be within NHS Hospital, Community and other Non-NHS settings. To enable you to access these work based learning environments and in accordance with the Department of Health (DH) guidance and recommendations, you should protect patients, colleagues and yourself by being immunised against specific diseases.

Therefore, during Welcome Week, you will be required to attend an Occupational Health session. Within the session, an Occupational Health Advisor will meet with you to discuss and develop a personalised immunisation programme and administer all the necessary immunisations and/or blood tests you require to enable you to undertake your clinical work based learning for your course.

To support and inform discussions within this session, the Occupational Health Advisor will need you to bring the following information to your Occupational Health Clinic on Thursday 22 March:

- Proof of photographic ID: such as passport, or driving licence
- Evidence of your immunisation history (this can be an official letter from your GP surgery, an immunisation/travel card, blood test results or your Personal Child Health Record 'Red Book'). If you are already in employment in a health care setting then you should approach your employer's occupational health provider to request evidence.

In accordance with the Department of Health (DH) guidance, Staffordshire University will be unable to allow you to commence placement at your clinical work based learning environment until all necessary immunisations and blood test have been completed. Once you have successfully completed all these requirements, the University will be able to activate a Prepared for Practice status. This status will trigger your clearance to attend your clinical work based learning environments during your chosen course.

If you require any further information please contact the School of Health and Social Care and Occupational Health on hsocchealth@staffs.ac.uk or on 01785 353692 / 01785 353675.