

# 2026 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

**NB:** This information is sent to all 2025 FMHS registered students and new postgraduate students. Please ignore the notice if you will not be returning to SU in 2026 due to discontinuation of studies, interruption of studies, academic exclusion or if you have successfully completed your qualification in 2025.

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## 1. Registration on the SUNStudent system and enquiries:

Stellenbosch University uses the SUNStudent student information system. To access information and a "how-to guide" on the online registration process, please visit the University's dedicated registration website at <https://www.su.ac.za/en/students/-registration-and-fees>

For any Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) registration-related enquiries, you can contact us by email at [fmhsregistration@sun.ac.za](mailto:fmhsregistration@sun.ac.za).

### General dates – Tygerberg campus

- **4 December 2025:** Start of assisted registration for all newcomer FMHS PhD students
- **5 January 2026:** Start of academic year and online self-registration and assisted registration for FMHS returning undergraduate students and newcomer and returning postgraduate students.
- **22 January 2026:** Start of assisted registration for newcomer undergraduate students
- **31 January 2026:** On-campus card activation for newcomer first-year undergraduate students of the FMHS.
- **3 February 2026:** Closing date for undergraduate newcomer first-years' registration.
- **5 February 2026:** Conclusion of registration for all students (excluding M and D students).
- **9 February 2026:** Start of academic year for first-year undergraduate students.
- **20 February 2026:** Final day for late registration of undergraduate and postgraduate students (excluding new M-research and D students)
- **26 March 2026:** Final day for first semester registration of new M-research and D students.

## 2. Registration for returning undergraduate students and newcomer and returning postgraduate students based on the Tygerberg and Stellenbosch campuses

- 2.1 The onus rests on every student, to **register every year**. As a returning student, you must ensure that you are eligible to re-register for the 2026 academic year before attempting to re-register.
- 2.2 You are eligible to re-register if:
  - 2.2.1 Your 2025 tuition fees have been paid.
  - 2.2.2 **International students:** You have completed the pre-registration clearance for international students and your 2025 tuition fees, and 2026 tuition fees have been paid.
  - 2.2.3 You meet your programme's continuation requirements, and you have not exceeded the maximum time allowed in the programme. See the [FMHS Yearbook \(Part 12\)](#) for the relevant rules.

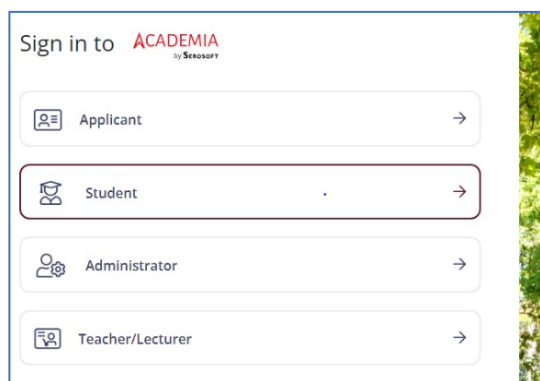
- 2.3 Students with outstanding 2025 fees will not be allowed to register (except for eligible bursary/scholarship recipients).
- 2.3.1 Undergraduate students must first consult with the relevant staff in the Centre for Undergraduate Bursaries and Loans (CUBL) office in this regard (contact details listed below)
- 2.3.2 Postgraduate students must first consult with the staff in the Postgraduate Support Office in this regard (contact details listed below)
- 2.4 Students who cannot meet the registration dates published under section 1, must contact the below staff in the Centre for Academic Administration before 5 February and will have until 20 February to register late, provided that the relevant programme leader allows such a late registration.
- 2.4.1 A late registration fee of R 1000 will be charged after 5 February. This fee will be waived for returning students who have permission to register late and who have evidence that they face financial constraints or who can provide well-documented and reasonable justifications for their delayed registration that are beyond their control.

## 2.5 Registration options

There are two (2) options available for you to officially register as a returning undergraduate or postgraduate student of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

### OPTION 1: Self-registration online (only available until 5 February 2026)

Most students can register online and are encouraged to register via our online registration portal on SUNStudent.



- Self-registration can be done from any device that can utilise a "desktop view" and with access to the internet via the [SUNStudent portal](#) until 6 February 2026
- A how-to-register guideline video can be accessed on the dedicated [registration website](#)

#### **The following students will not have access to self-registration:**

- Students who have one or more proof of admissibility documents outstanding (e.g., Matriculation exemption certificate, advice of results or post-matriculation proofs of admissibility)
- Students whose readmission to the University is not in order.
- Students whose Student Fees account with the University is in arrears (debtors) (if the Student Fees account and the first instalment of registration are paid in full and captured by the Student Fees Division), and the student meets all other requirements for self-registration, they will be able to self-register. Please see the Student Fees section below.
- Postgraduate newcomers, who have been accepted by the University for postgraduate programmes and are registering for that programme for the first time in 2026.
- Students who register for special/occasional programmes or as special/occasional students.

- Students who must repeat modules that they failed or could not complete
- Students whose curriculum has been adapted due to an approved concession.

## OPTION 2: Assisted registration (only available until 5 February 2026)

Assisted email registration can be done until 5 February 2026 (excluding new M-research and D students who may register until 26 March 2026).

- Complete the registration form, which can be found [here](#), and attach that to your registration request by emailing [fmhsregistration@sun.ac.za](mailto:fmhsregistration@sun.ac.za).

Assisted on-campus registration can be done until 5 February 2026 (excluding new M-research, and PhD students for the first semester intake, who may register until 26 March 2026).

- The following staff are available to assist with on-campus registration:

Staff member	Email	Telephone
Tygerberg campus		
Mr Bernard Makhotla	<a href="mailto:fmhsregistration@sun.ac.za">fmhsregistration@sun.ac.za</a>	Room 1058, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Clinical Building
Ms Nobukho Njemla-Klaas		
Ms Megan Jantjies,		Room 1059, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Clinical Building
Stellenbosch campus		
Ms Jamie-Lee Fredericks	<a href="mailto:fmhsregistration@sun.ac.za">fmhsregistration@sun.ac.za</a>	Room 2004, 2nd Floor, Inorganic Chemistry Building

## 3. Enquiries about registration for the PhD programme

The onus rests on every student, including a PhD student, to **register every year**. They must follow the steps outlined in "**Option 2**", above, to process their registration:

- 3.1 New PhD students who have been admitted to the PhD programme for the first time must contact the Tygerberg Doctoral Office (email: [tyg-phd@sun.ac.za](mailto:tyg-phd@sun.ac.za)) prior to registering.
- 3.2 Returning PhD students must ensure that they are eligible to reregister for the 2026 academic year prior to attempting to reregister. Students are eligible to reregister if:
  - 3.2.1 Your 2025 student fees and the required 2026 student fees have been paid.
  - 3.2.2 International students: You have completed the pre-registration clearance for international students via the Tygerberg International Office as outlined below. For enquiries, email: [stimm@sun.ac.za](mailto:stimm@sun.ac.za); CC [tyg-phd@sun.ac.za](mailto:tyg-phd@sun.ac.za).
  - 3.2.3 You have not exceeded the maximum time allowed in the programme.
- 3.3 If, as a newcomer or returning PhD student, you are unable to facilitate your own registration, please provide SU with written approval for registration by completing the [FMHS registration form](#).

## 4. Pre-Registration Clearance for International Students

- 4.1 All international students are required to provide a **certified** copy of supporting documentation for pre-registration clearance prior to registering for the academic program. You must upload the **certified** documentation [here](#).
- 4.2 **The following documentation must be uploaded to obtain pre-registration clearance:**
- 4.2.1 Proof of valid passport (*certified*);
  - 4.2.2 Proof of valid study visa (*certified, if applicable*);
  - 4.2.3 Proof of South African medical cover (if applicable); and
  - 4.2.4 Proof of payment or scholarship letter.
- 4.3 **An email notification will be sent back to you to confirm that pre-registration has been finalized whereafter you can commence with the registration process.**
- 4.4 PhD students who have agreed with their supervisor that they will not be present in South Africa for the duration of the academic and calendar year, should email these details to both Tygerberg International ([TIOprereg@sun.ac.za](mailto:TIOprereg@sun.ac.za)) and the Tygerberg Doctoral Office ([tyg-phd@sun.ac.za](mailto:tyg-phd@sun.ac.za)) with the specifics of this arrangement, in order to obtain pre-registration clearance with fewer documents. This arrangement is exceptional and not available across the board.

## 5. Student Card Enquiries

All new students are required to obtain a student card after registration. You will need your student card for various purposes, so always carry it with you while on campus. Your card will be issued to you as part of your programme's on-campus orientation.

If you are a returning student and still have your student card, there is no need to reactivate it. The card will automatically be reactivated upon your registration for the 2026 academic year and settlement of any outstanding fees from previous years.

### **Tygerberg campus:**

Ms Lesanne Matthee (email: [lm@sun.ac.za](mailto:lm@sun.ac.za)) and Mr Abraham Hartzenberg (email: [abrahamh@sun.ac.za](mailto:abrahamh@sun.ac.za)): Student Fees Desk, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Clinical Building, 021 938 9208/ 9080.

## 6. Student Fees and account enquiries

- 6.1 All Student Fees/student account-related enquiries must be directed to the Student Fees Division.
- Email: Ms Lesanne Matthee ([lm@sun.ac.za](mailto:lm@sun.ac.za)) or access information via the following websites:
  - [Fees | Stellenbosch University](#)
  - [Study fees | Stellenbosch University](#)
  - [SU Bursaries and Loans |](#)

## 6.2 The first compulsory instalment is payable as follows by 28 February:

6.2.1 South African students and international students with valid permanent residency in South Africa and international students with refugee status:

6.2.1.1 The amount payable by the end of February is equal to the table below and, where applicable, the compulsory first installment of Residence Fees.

	<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>Postgraduate</b>	<b>Diploma</b>
<b>First instalment on Tuition Fees</b>	20% of all Study Fees	20% of all Study Fees	20% of all Study Fees
<b>Plus: (Where applicable)</b>			
<b>First instalment on Residence Fees</b>	R5 100	R 5 100	R5 100

6.2.1.2 The fees payable must be made as follows:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>% OF TOTAL FEES PAYABLE</b>	<b>% PAYABLE FOR DEBIT ORDER</b>
28 February	20	10
31 March	20	10
30 April	20	10
31 May	20	10
30 June	5	10
31 July	5	10
31 August	5	10
30 September	5	10
31 October	-	10
30 November	-	10

6.2.2 International students:

6.2.2.1 The above amounts and payment timelines are not applicable to international students, with the exception of international students with valid permanent residency in South Africa and international students with refugee status - click [here](#) to be redirected to Stellenbosch University International's website.

6.2.2.2 All international students, including Namibians, need to pay their study fees in full by the date of registration.

6.2.2.2.1 International students making use of the University's residences must pay at least R25 000 of the accommodation fees and at least R15 000 of the meal quota allowed for the year to be placed on the account (if placed in SU catering residence) by date of registration.

- 6.3 All outstanding amounts of a previous year must be settled before a student is allowed to register for the following year.
- 6.4 Click [here](#) for more information regarding fees for 2026.

## 7. Financial assistance to students at the Tygerberg campus:

We are acutely aware of the financial pressures under which South African households must provide for Student Fees. We therefore continue to strive to assist financially needy students who are academically deserving, as far as possible. Please familiarise yourself with the various categories and forms of financial assistance available.

### 7.1 Undergraduate financial assistance and bursary enquiries

- 7.1.1 Enquiries can be referred to the Tygerberg campus Undergraduate Bursaries and Loans Office [tygbursaries@sun.ac.za](mailto:tygbursaries@sun.ac.za), if you are an undergraduate student.
- 7.1.2 Appointments to consult staff can be scheduled via Microsoft Teams or telephonically, the contact details of the staff are as follows:
- 7.1.2.1 Ms Rochelle Sylvester, 021 938 9129, [sylvester@sun.ac.za](mailto:sylvester@sun.ac.za)
- 7.1.2.2 Ms Colleen Coetzee, 021 938 9458, [colleenc@sun.ac.za](mailto:colleenc@sun.ac.za).
- 7.1.3 Appointments to consult with staff on campus are also available, please contact the above staff to make an appointment for an on-campus consultation.

### 7.2 NSFAS Allowances\*

\*The information below is correct at the time of publication, but may change at short notice depending on any change officially communicated by NSFAS

- 7.2.1 The timelines and details of allowance payments for NSFAS students will be communicated as soon as information has been received from NSFAS. The Centre for Undergraduate Bursaries and Loans will send communication to all NSFAS-funded students.
- 7.2.2 For information on NSFAS from the Centre for Undergraduate Bursaries and Loans: [click here](#)
- 7.2.3 All NSFAS NSFAS-related queries must be logged on the Student Finances Service Desk, select the "Undergraduate Bursaries" tab, and select the "NSFAS Enquiries Option"

**NOTE:** All allowances will be processed via the Intellimali system.

### 7.3 Allowances for bursaries of private donors & Provincial Departments for undergraduate students

- 7.3.1 Appointments to consult staff can be scheduled via Microsoft Teams, the contact details of the staff are as follows:
- 7.3.1.1 Ms Rochelle Sylvester, 021 938 9129, [sylvester@sun.ac.za](mailto:sylvester@sun.ac.za)
- 7.3.1.2 Ms Colleen Coetzee, 021 938 9458, [colleenc@sun.ac.za](mailto:colleenc@sun.ac.za).
- 7.3.2 Appointments to consult with staff on campus are also available, please contact the above staff to make an appointment for an on-campus consultation.
- 7.3.3 Allowances and bursary coding can only occur when we receive a promissory letter (confirmation of funding for 2026) from the sponsor.
- 7.3.3.1 Students can email their promissory letters to the above-mentioned staff members or to [tygbursaries@sun.ac.za](mailto:tygbursaries@sun.ac.za).

**NOTE:** All allowances will be processed via the Intellimali system.



## 7.4 **Postgraduate financial assistance and bursary enquiries**

- 7.4.1 For general matters and departmental bursaries, please contact Mr Jongisizwe Ndlebe at [postgradfunding@sun.ac.za](mailto:postgradfunding@sun.ac.za).
- 7.4.2 Postgraduate Students who have been funded via Institutional, NRF, and CSIR funding may contact the respective Scholarship Coordinators for an advance of their funding to cover their basic living expenses while awaiting the release of their scholarship.
- 7.4.3 For further information, please visit the Postgraduate Funding Office FAQ page: [click here](#)
- 7.4.4 Confirmation of funding from external sponsors can be emailed to Juanita van den Berg at [juanitavdb@sun.ac.za](mailto:juanitavdb@sun.ac.za).
- 7.4.5 For urgent matters, please contact the Head: Postgraduate Funding Office, Mrs Rozelle Petersen, [rn timer@sun.ac.za](mailto:rn timer@sun.ac.za).

## 8. Requests for academic records and official documents

Requests for academic records and/or official documents may be submitted as indicated below:

- 8.1 Student Records at [records@sun.ac.za](mailto:records@sun.ac.za) for the following documents:
  - 8.1.1 Academic record/ transcript, which includes
  - 8.1.2 A Certificate of Conduct and a Declaration of the medium of instruction
  - 8.1.3 Re-issue of the degree/ diploma certificate
  - 8.1.4 Proof of registration (date stamped)
- 8.2 Customised declaration of the medium of instruction for the FMHS: [fmhsregistration@sun.ac.za](mailto:fmhsregistration@sun.ac.za)
- 8.3 Visa letter requests for FMHS students: [fmhsregistration@sun.ac.za](mailto:fmhsregistration@sun.ac.za)

## 9. Residence Placement Enquiries

Enquiries regarding residence placement for undergraduate students at the Tygerberg campus may be referred to Ms Annelie Scholtz on [amscholtz@sun.ac.za](mailto:amscholtz@sun.ac.za) or 021 938 9378, or visit:

- [Residence Information](#)
- Private accommodation:
  - [www.digsconnect.com](http://www.digsconnect.com) / [www.thedigs.co.za](http://www.thedigs.co.za) (email: [info@thedigs.co.za](mailto:info@thedigs.co.za))

For enquiries on residence placement on the Stellenbosch campus, contact [studentaccomm@sun.ac.za](mailto:studentaccomm@sun.ac.za) or 021 808 9111.

## 10. Registration responsibilities and late registration

- 10.1 FMHS students who are set to reregister in 2026 (students who were registered in 2025 and are academically eligible to reregister) and who fail to reregister by the relevant registration date must arrange with the Faculty Administrator, Ms Megan Jantjies (email: [mjantjies@sun.ac.za](mailto:mjantjies@sun.ac.za)), to register late. The following applies to students who do not request a late registration by 20 February 2026 (except for newcomer M-research and PhD students, who have until 26 March):
  - 10.1.1 Their studies will be deemed as discontinued until such time as the student applies to and is approved to reregister by the relevant programme committee of the faculty.



- 10.1.2 The decision to allow the student to resume their studies will be dependent on the student's motivation (with supporting evidence) to return to the programme, whether the student is academically eligible to return to the programme and whether the programme can accommodate the student at that late stage for the 2026 academic year.

## 11. Checking your Proof of Registration

- 11.1 As a registered student, it is your responsibility to verify, immediately upon receiving your proof of registration (which lists your programme and registered modules for the year), that:
- 11.1.1 the correct programme is reflected;
  - 11.1.2 all modules that you are required to take in that year are listed; and
  - 11.1.3 the correct module codes are reflected (for example, ensuring that the module is listed as 112 and not 122, where applicable).
- 11.2 If there are any mistakes, these need to be corrected before or on **Friday, 20 February 2026** at the Faculty Officer,
- 11.2.1 Mr Bernard Makhotla, room 1058, Clinical Building, Tygerberg campus, or
  - 11.2.2 Ms Jamie-Lee Fredericks, room 2004, Inorganic Chemistry Building, Stellenbosch campus

## 12. Satisfaction of Module and Programme Requirements

Before, during and after registration, as well as at the start of the second semester, you must make sure that you satisfy all the pass, prerequisite and co-requisite requirements for the particular modules that you follow, including any additional programme-specific continuation requirements. See the [FMHS Yearbook \(Part 12\)](#) in this regard.

## 13. Requests to interrupt studies, deregister modules or discontinue studies

- 13.1 **Interruption of Studies: Undergraduate and Postgraduate Studies**
- 13.1.1 For all programmes, the closing date to submit requests for interruption for a full year is 30 April 2026. Find the application form for the interruption of studies [here](#)
  - 13.1.2 All enquiries regarding the application process for interruption of studies for the 2026 academic year may be sent to the Faculty Administrator, Ms Megan Jantjies (email: [mjantjies@sun.ac.za](mailto:mjantjies@sun.ac.za)), Centre for Academic Administration, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Clinical Building.
  - 13.1.3 Students must apply to the relevant undergraduate programme committee (UPC) or postgraduate programme committee (PPC) to interrupt their studies as per "INTERRUPTION OF STUDIES" > "Procedure for applications for consent to an interruption of studies", in the [SU General Yearbook](#).
  - 13.1.4 Students may only interrupt for a period of a full academic year. Shorter interruptions should be handled as requests for leave of absence and the student and environment must consider the impact on the student's ability to complete the programme in the required time. Find the leave of absence application form [here](#).

- 13.1.5 Students will not be registered for that year in which their studies are interrupted and will not have access to the student portal, university email or facilities for the period of interruption.

### 13.2 **Deregistration of modules after early assessment**

- 13.2.1 If you do not write the first formal assessment test in a specific module or make the necessary arrangements to write such test later, your registration for the module will be cancelled by the faculty administrator concerned, on the recommendation of the department concerned. This entails that the module concerned will be removed from your student record and that you will be informed by email only of the deregistration.
- 13.2.2 The closing dates for such deregistration is the last workday in March for first semester and year modules, and the last workday in August for second-semester modules.
- 13.2.3 Departments that wish to implement the arrangement regarding deregistration of modules must write a notice of this deregistration into the module frameworks/study guides of the modules in question.

### 13.3 **Discontinuation of Studies**

- 13.3.1 You must inform SU of your discontinuation formally and in writing and you must familiarize yourself with the relevant notification dates and fee implications for discontinuation of study as outlined in the [Student Fees Yearbook \(Part 3\)](#).
- 13.3.2 All enquiries regarding the process to discontinue studies and discontinuation notifications must be sent in writing to the Faculty Administrator (Tygerberg campus), Ms Megan Jantjies (email: [mjantjies@sun.ac.za](mailto:mjantjies@sun.ac.za)), Centre for Academic Administration, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Clinical Building.
- 13.3.3 You must complete the discontinuation of studies form available [here](#) and send this to Ms Megan Jantjies (email: [mjantjies@sun.ac.za](mailto:mjantjies@sun.ac.za)) or to the Client Services centre at [info@sun.ac.za](mailto:info@sun.ac.za) before your discontinuation request will be processed.
- 13.3.4 The date of your discontinuation of studies is very important and must be provided, since it determines to what extent exemption from the payment of study and accommodation fees may be granted to you (see [Student Fees Yearbook \(Part 3\)](#) for more information in this regard), and since it can also have an effect on your future readmission (regarding this, see par. 9, Readmission after unsuccessful studies, in the [SU General Yearbook](#)).
- 13.3.5 If your discontinuation of studies is due to a medical reason, a valid medical certificate must be submitted along with the completed discontinuation form, since it will simplify your readmission to the University in a subsequent year.
- 13.3.6 If you do not supply your discontinuation form to the correct official as communicated to you or by email to [info@sun.ac.za](mailto:info@sun.ac.za), your discontinuation will not be processed until you have submitted it successfully.

## 14. **Readmission appeals application process in January**

Below information is relevant to students who are scheduled to do a Dean's Concession Assessment (DCA), special or supplementary assessment in January 2026.

- 14.1 Students who fail a module after the January assessment period may not meet the requirements to continue with their studies at Stellenbosch University for 2026 in

the following circumstances.

- 14.1.1 Based on the modules you have failed, you may not have sufficient module credits to comply with the credit requirements for readmission to SU. You either failed to obtain 50% of credits for the academic year, OR you failed to obtain the required 70% of accumulated credits over the total historical years in the programme. (See the rules for readmission in [Part 1 \[General\] of the University Yearbook](#) under the heading "Readmission after unsuccessful studies.")

**AND/OR**

- 14.1.2 Based on the modules you have failed for the 2025 academic year (after the January assessments), you no longer meet the programme-specific continuation criteria, and you are therefore academically excluded (see criteria for promotion and examination/reregistration in [Part 12 \[Medicine and Health Sciences\] of the University Yearbook](#)).
- 14.2 If you feel that you may be at risk of academic exclusion, please contact your programme coordinator to confirm whether you are in fact at risk of academic exclusion.
- 14.3 Please note that **applications for readmission for the 2026 academic** year close on **9 January 2026** as the faculty's Readmission Appeals Committee meeting is scheduled for 24 January 2026. You may access the relevant readmission application resources on [SU's readmission webpage](#) and at the links below:
- 14.3.1 [Readmissions portal guide](#)
- 14.3.2 [Readmission appeal application form](#)
- 14.3.3 [Readmission programme change form](#)
- 14.3.4 [Readmission: Medical Practitioners report](#)
- 14.4 For further enquiries about the readmissions appeals process, you are welcome to contact or schedule an on-campus, telephonic or MS Teams appointment with the Communication and Committee Officer: Academic Administration (contact by email: [fmhs\\_readmit@sun.ac.za](mailto:fmhs_readmit@sun.ac.za) or call: 021 938 9284 to schedule an appointment).

## 15. Immunisations

- 15.1 The following are key recommendations for students in the FMHS

All students should:

- **receive the essential vaccinations**, ideally at enrolment and before clinical exposure.
- have access to guidance and educational materials on **vaccination recommendations**.
- keep an up-to-date record of their personal **vaccination history**.

### VACCINATION PRIORITY MATRIX

Vaccine	Priority	Rationale for recommendation	Notes
Hepatitis B	Essential	Hepatitis B prevalence remains high in Africa (6%). Healthcare workers and students are at	It may be more cost-effective to check antibody status, and vaccinate only if anti-HBs level is <10 IU/L.

Vaccine	Priority	Rationale for recommendation	Notes
		elevated risk of contracting this severe, preventable disease.	
<b>Hepatitis A</b>	<b>Essential</b>	Hepatitis A exposure risk is high for healthcare workers and laboratory staff. About 20% of adults individuals are non-immune, and at risk of developing severe and protracted illness.	It may be more cost-effective to check antibody status, and vaccinate only if non-immune
<b>Measles Mumps Rubella</b>	<b>Essential</b>	Health science students are at high risk of contracting these vaccine-preventable diseases. Measles vaccine-induced immunity wanes in adulthood, requiring booster doses during outbreaks.	Also available as standalone measles vaccine, and measles-rubella vaccine.
<b>Varicella</b>	<b>Essential</b>	Varicella (chickenpox) is an extremely contagious airborne-transmitted infection. All students should receive varicella vaccine, unless they have definitive confirmation of having had natural disease previously.	It may be more cost-effective to check antibody status, and vaccinate only if non-immune
<b>TdaP (Tetanus diphtheria, acellular pertussis)</b>	<b>Essential</b>	South Africa is experiencing recurrent outbreaks of diphtheria and pertussis, resulting in increased risk of healthcare worker exposure and illness.	Also available as a 4-in-1 vaccine covering tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis and polio.
<b>Influenza</b>	<b>Strongly recommended</b>	Healthcare workers should get the influenza vaccine annually to protect themselves, their patients, and their colleagues from the flu. Vaccination reduces viral transmission, prevents serious complications in vulnerable patients, protects hospital staffing levels and fulfils a professional "duty of care" to prevent harm.	This vaccine is required annually and is best administered as soon as it becomes available – usually between March-April.
<b>Meningococcus</b>	<b>Strongly recommended</b>	Health science students in South Africa are at increased risk of meningococcus exposure and transmission owing to young age, close-contact living in university residences and exposure in clinical settings. Although the disease incidence is low, the consequences are devastating with rapid progression to meningitis, septicaemia and death. Survivors may suffer long-term disabilities such as deafness, brain damage, or limb loss.	A quadrivalent vaccine (MCV4) provides protection against +/- 60-70% of disease-causing serogroups, while the MenB vaccine targets serogroup B, which causes 30-40% of cases in adolescents and young adults.

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