

### Howard College/SWCID Meningitis Vaccination Requirement Policy

Senate Bill 1107 requires all students entering a public, private, or independent institution of higher education in Texas as of January 2012 and thereafter to provide documentation that they have had a meningococcal (bacterial meningitis) vaccine or 'booster' dose within the last five years and at least 10 days prior to the first day of class.

#### **Students who fail to submit required meningitis vaccination documents will be restricted from registering for classes.**

The meningitis vaccination requirement applies to:

- All first time students at Howard College/SWCID
- All students who are transferring from any institution of higher education to Howard College/SWCID
- All students who previously attended Howard College/SWCID, and who are enrolling following a break of enrollment of at least one fall or spring semester. (Students who complete a spring semester at HC/SWCID, are not enrolled for the summer at HC/SWCID, and who return in the fall are considered 'continuing students' and are not included in this requirement.)

Students EXEMPT from this requirement:

- Students who will be age 30 or older on the first day of classes of the semester in which you are enrolling at HC/SWCID.
- Currently enrolled HC/SWCID students.
- Students who will be enrolled only in online or distance education courses. (A completed, signed and dated copy of HC/SWCID's Bacterial Meningitis Exemption Form is required to request this exemption.)  
**Howard College/SWCID students who wish to reside in the residence halls must receive the bacterial meningitis vaccination even if they are enrolled in only online courses.**
- Students who present an affidavit signed by a licensed physician stating the vaccination would be injurious to the health or well-being of the student.
- Students who decline the vaccine due to reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. Before you will be allowed to register for classes, Howard College/SWCID must receive a completed, notarized Texas Department of State Health Services(TDSHS) Vaccine Exemption Affidavit Form. Visit the TDSHS webpage at <http://webds.dshs.state.tx.us/immco/affidavit.shtm> for instructions on requesting an exemption. **BE AWARE:** This form is the only form of acceptable documentation for this exemption and this process takes a significant amount of time. Please begin well in advance of your intended registration date.
- Students enrolled in a dual credit course which is taught at a public or private K-12 facility not located on a higher education institution campus.
- Continuing Education students attending courses or programs that are less than 360 contact hours.
- Students incarcerated in a Texas prison.

Acceptable documentation to prove that you have met the meningococcal vaccine requirement:

- The signature or stamp of a physician or his/her designee or public health personnel on a form that shows the month, day and year of your most recent meningococcal vaccination or booster dose;
- An official immunization record generated from a state or local health authority that includes the same information as above, or
- An official record received from school officials, including a record from another state, that includes the same information as above.

**Associate of Applied Science Computer and Information Systems Security  
Specialization in Computer Forensics Investigations**

**First Semester**

Course	Title	Credit Hours
CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRIJ 1306	Court Systems and Practices	3
ITSC 1305	Introduction to PC Operating Systems	3
ITSY 1300	Fundamentals of Information Security	3
ITSC 1309 <sup>3</sup> OR BCIS/COSC Elective	Integrated Software Applications I OR Computer Science Elective	3
TOTAL		15

**Second Semester**

Course	Title	Credit Hours
ITDF 2325	Digital Forensics Tools	3
ITDF 2320	Digital Forensics Collection	3
CRIJ 2323 OR CRIJ 2328	Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement OR Police Systems and Practices	3
CHEM 1405 OR MATH 1342 Natural Science/ Math Elective	Introductory Chemistry I OR Elementary Statistical Methods Choose from core curriculum	3-4
SOCI 2336	Criminology	3
TOTAL		15-16

**Third Semester**

Course	Title	Credit Hours
HMSY 1337	Introduction to Homeland Security	3
English Elective	Approved by advisor	3
Speech Elective	Approved by advisor	3
ITDF 1300	Introduction to Digital Forensics	3
CRIJ 2314 <sup>1</sup>	Criminal Investigation	3
TOTAL		15

**Fourth Semester**

Course	Title	Credit Hours
ITDF 2335 <sup>1</sup>	Comprehensive Digital Forensics Project	3
ITSY 2343 <sup>1</sup>	Computer System Forensics	3
ITDF 2330	Digital Forensics Analysis	3
Computer Elective <sup>2</sup>	Approved by advisor	3
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	Choose from core curriculum	3
TOTAL		15
TOTAL HOURS IN AAS DEGREE		60-61

<sup>1</sup> Capstone course

<sup>2</sup> Must be approved by program or division director/chair.

<sup>3</sup> Course may be articulated through an approved high school Tech Prep/Dual Credit agreement.