

### 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 **and Adult Basic 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.

## Graphic Arts Technology

The Graphic Arts Technology program is designed to provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary to enter the graphics field as successful employees. The program provides instruction in graphics software application (Macintosh), graphics repress, print production procedures, finishing/binding, and screen printing.

**Possible Employment Positions:** Graphic arts or artist.

**Possible Employment Locations:** Government agency, state agency, business or industry.

**Pre-requisites:** ENGL 0313, ENGL 0323, MATH 0302, **EDUC 1100, EDUC 0300.**

**Program Duration:** Two semesters. An additional semester of basic skills courses may be required depending on student's prior training/education.

**Lab Kit:** \$130 to be paid at the time of registration.

Students who lack proficiency in sign communication may be required to enroll in SGNL 1301, SGNL 1302, or SGNL 2301 until proficiency is attained. Students who lack a proficiency in keyboarding speed and accuracy may be required to enroll in POFI 1127 until proficiency is attained.

### Certificate Level I Graphic Arts Technology

#### First Semester

Course	Title	Credit Hours
GRPH 1305	Introduction to Graphic Arts and Printing	3
ARTC 1313	Digital Publishing I	3
ARTS 1316 <sup>1</sup>	Drawing I	3
ARTC 1302	Digital Imaging I	3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

#### Second Semester

Course	Title	Credit Hours
ARTC 1327	Typography	3
ARTC 2313	Digital Publishing II	3
ARTS 1317 <sup>1</sup>	Drawing II	3
ARTC 1353	Computer Illustration	3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

#### Third Semester

Course	Title	Credit Hours
ARTC 2335	Portfolio Development for Graphic Design	3
GRPH 2388 <sup>2</sup>	Internship	3
Elective <sup>3</sup>	Approved by program director.	3
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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>TOTAL HOURS IN LEVEL I CERTIFICATE</b>	<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup>Howard College Courses

<sup>2</sup>Capstone course—Students must provide their own transportation to and from internship sites.

<sup>3</sup>Must be related to program and approved by advisor.