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Dear Prospective Sheridan College Practical Nursing student,

The Faculty of Applied Health and Community Studies continues to prioritize our students' learning, health, safety, and wellbeing and is committed to transparently sharing the most up-to-date information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. This letter includes important information about COVID vaccination requirements.

In the Practical Nursing program, our students participate in clinical placements in Long-Term Care homes and hospital settings. At this time, the Long-Term Care Home COVID-19 Immunization Policy requires that individuals, **including students**, must have met the immunization requirements. These requirements include one of the following:

- i. the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by <u>Health Canada</u>, or any combination of such vaccines,
- ii. one or two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada, followed by one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or
- iii. three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada,

and a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada if eligible for a third dose.

We strongly recommend that Practical Nursing students get their vaccinations as outlined above **before the semester starts**. A student without the proper vaccines will not be able to complete their required placement in long-term care and this may impact ability to graduate from the program.

For up-to-date information regarding Sheridan's response to COVID-19 and for links to public health information, please see Sheridan's COVID-19 webpage.

We are excited that you have received an offer to join the Sheridan Practical Nursing program for Winter 2023 and we look forward to welcoming you. If you have any questions about the COVID vaccination, please contact either of us.

Sincerely,

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