

Moravian University Master of Science in Athletic Training Program
Communicable Disease Policy

During completion of clinical education, exposure to patients suffering from communicable diseases is inevitable. As such, students completing clinical education should carefully follow all clinical sites and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines to prevent the transmission of communicable diseases. However, even when following such safety guidelines, it remains possible that students may contract communicable diseases. As a student enrolled in a graduate health professions program, requiring clinical education experiences, students must assume the risk of such exposure.

A communicable disease is an illness due to a specific infectious agent which can be transmitted from one individual to another. A communicable disease may be transmitted directly from one person to another without physical contact with the infected person. It may be transmitted indirectly when an object transmits the organism. Objects of transmission may be clothing, linens, utensils, food, water, milk, air, soil or insects.

Students that are determined by a physician as having an active communicable disease will be required to take a medical leave of absence from class and/or clinical experience until cleared by the same physician. At that time, the student will determine, with the Program Director and Director of Clinical Education, a plan to make up the academic and/or clinical education requirements.

Examples of communicable diseases are:

- Rubella (3-day measles)
- Rubeola (9-day measles)
- Meningitis - viral and bacterial
- Hepatitis A
- Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- Tuberculosis (TB)
- Influenza
- Mononucleosis
- COVID virus

