



**School of Environmental &  
Natural Resource Sciences**  
Frost Campus | Fleming College



# Welcome Days

Rabies Information  
Session

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- Why is this a mandatory vaccination for Fish & Wildlife students?
- How can students receive the vaccine?
- What is the cost?

# Why is it mandatory?

- Rabies is a fatal viral disease affecting all mammals. Signs of disease are not always observed in an animal before or after contact.
- The World Health Organization recommends that anyone in direct contact with wild mammals obtain preventative rabies immunization.
- F&W students will handle mammal carcasses, so for health and safety reasons, they are required to show proof of a protective rabies titre (a blood test) before entering semester 3 and semester 5.
- They must maintain a protective level while in the program by repeating this titre every 6 or 12 months, as indicated by their antibody level.

# How do students get the vaccine?

There are two ways to get the vaccine:

1. Through Student Health Services (Room 254) at the College during 1<sup>st</sup> semester.
2. Through your Health Practitioner

# Through the College:

1. Attend the Mandatory Rabies Session during Orientation Week, Thurs. Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 12:00, Rm 250 ; it will be on the orientation timetable. Bring Health Card # and Student ID #.
2. After that session purchase the vaccine through the cashier at the Registrar's office. Cost is approx. \$660 (subject to change).
3. Bring your receipt to Student Health Services (Room 254) and we will book you 3 appointments for the November Rabies Clinic

# Through your Health Practitioner

***\*\*Check with your Insurance Provider to verify that they cover the vaccine\*\****

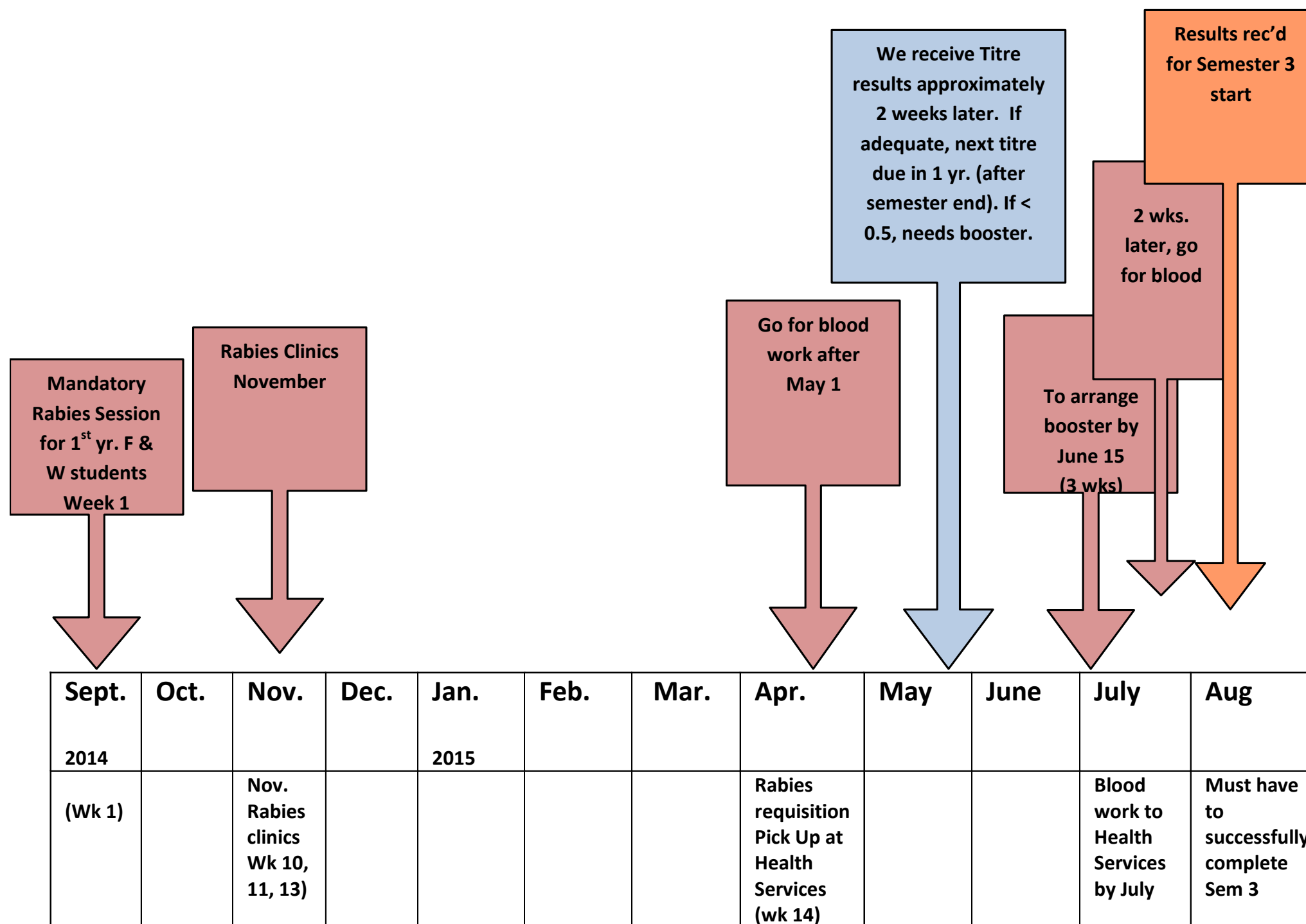
**Rabavert DIN #02267667 or Imovax DIN #01908286**

***If not, acquire the vaccine through the College.***

1. Book an appointment with your doctor. Provide them with a copy of the Rabies Vaccination Requirement letter and form. Request a prescription (it will be for 3 doses).
2. Fill the prescription at your pharmacy.
3. Book appointments with your doctor to have them administer the vaccine to you over 4 weeks.
4. The Rabies titre (blood work), to be measured after Semester 2 via Student Health Services (Room 254)



## Rabies Vaccination Timeline for Students entering Sept. '14 or Jan. '15



# How do you pay for it?

- Currently the Student Health Plan provides coverage up to 70% for the Rabies vaccine. You can coordinate benefits with other health plans. Use Fleming's Student Health Plan first.
- If you switch to an enhanced plan the vaccine will NOT be covered.
- If you purchase the vaccine through the school, you would pay the entire fee up front and then would be reimbursed.
- Questions? Contact Melanie Frain, Health Services:  
Toll free 1-866-353-6464, Ext. 3232.

