

Immunizations and Proof of Immunity

Students must complete required immunizations (demonstration of immunity if required). Students must continuously demonstrate compliance with these standards where indicated. Failure to demonstrate compliance initially, and continuously with these requirements will result in a student being administratively withdrawn from the program. Students are required to cover the cost of all these requirements. Students must submit all required results (in the required formats) by the due date specified in written notification.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

In general, the program follows the recommendations for vaccines for healthcare workers <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/rec-vac/hcw.html> of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a requirement for clinical practicum. However, due to individual clinical policies, requirements may differ depending on campus and clinical assignment. Information on specific requirements will be available prior to the start of the nursing courses.

Progression into the core nursing curriculum in semester five also requires completion of these requirements within these timeframes:

30 days prior to Day 1 of the core nursing start date:

- Completion of Health Clearance forms provided during the Health and Safety orientation.
NOTE: that some clinical partners require a physical exam every six months
- Tuberculin Skin Test (2-step PPD) or negative chest X-ray report (if positive PPD) no earlier than 60 days prior to Day 1 of the core nursing start date.
NOTE: TB screening must be completed annually for as long as the student is fulfilling his/her clinical requirements.
- Proof of immunity to certain diseases through history of immunizations or titers, due no earlier than 90 days before Day 1 of the core nursing start date:
 - Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR)
 - Varicella (Chicken Pox)
 - Hepatitis B (Hep B, HBV)
 - Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (TDAP, Adacel)
- Annual flu vaccination

Allied Health Programs

Within the first ten (ten) weeks of your program, you will be asked to provide documentation of the following current immunizations:

- Hepatitis B (three shot series, student must at least start the series)
- MMR (two in a lifetime)
- TB skin test (within a year of externship)

Note: Student must provide result of TB test not the date of TB test administration

Students may substitute titers (blood tests) for proof of immunization.

- Hepatitis B titer
- MMR titer

Students may also provide a current chest x-ray results, stating no evidence of tuberculosis infection, in lieu of TB test results. Chest x-ray must be taken within one year of externship.

The Student Services department can provide assistance in respect to gathering that information from your high school or medical provider. Additionally, if you are uninsured, we have a company that comes to the school twice per session and administers the tests. The cost for all tests will be your responsibility. If you have a primary care physician, they can provide these to you through your insurance. These are required immunizations for all programs.