

Immunization and Health Requirements Prior to Registration

- ❖ **Tetanus/Diphtheria** Tdap must be noted as administered once in lifetime- If no record then student will need to get a Tdap. If a Tdap was administered, then Td is required every ten years.
- ❖ **Polio** Students enrolled in health-related courses are **encouraged** to ascertain that they are immune to poliomyelitis. (Not required)
- ❖ **Measles** Two doses required. Serologic confirmation of immunity is acceptable (titer completed and interpreted as immune to measles).
- ❖ **Mumps** Two doses required. Serologic confirmation of immunity is acceptable (titer completed and interpreted as immune to mumps).
- ❖ **Rubella** Two doses required. Serologic confirmation of immunity is acceptable (titer completed and interpreted as immune to rubella).
- ❖ **Hepatitis B** Students must complete the Hepatitis B series which consists of a documented series of three vaccinations or two vaccinations of Heplisav-B (HepB-CpG). The three-shot series of injections are administered over a 6-month period of time; two doses of Heplisav-B are given 1 month apart, please plan accordingly! Serologic confirmation of immunity is acceptable (titer completed and interpreted as immune to Hepatitis B).
- ❖ **Tuberculosis** Documentation of negative screening results for tuberculosis (TB) is required. Students must complete one of the following TB tests **no more than 30 days prior to the 1st day of the 1st clinical rotation period at any facility**: 2- Step Tuberculin Skin Test; QuantiFERON®-TB Gold In-Tube test (QFT- GIT or Q-Gold) or T-SPOT®TB test (T- Spot). Thereafter a 2- Step Tuberculin Skin Test, QuantiFERON®- TB Gold In-Tube test (QFT- GIT or Q- Gold), or T-SPOT®TB test is required annually. If a history of positive PPD, then a negative chest x-ray must be current and updated each year.
- ❖ **Varicella** Two doses required. Serologic confirmation of immunity is acceptable (titer completed and interpreted as immune to varicella).
- ❖ **Influenza** Must show current flu season vaccination no later than October 1st; those admitted in Spring semesters must receive the current season flu shot no later than two weeks prior to the program start date and will be required to receive another vaccination for the upcoming flu season no later than October 1st
- ❖ **Bacterial Meningitis** the Texas legislature passed a law requiring ALL entering students at institutions of higher education to have an initial bacterial meningitis vaccination or booster during the five-year period preceding and at least 10 days prior to the first day of the first semester or submit an affidavit for an exemption. Vaccinations older than 5 years will require a booster. (Refer to CTC Catalog)
- ❖ **Physical Examination** using the CTC DHS form and **must be completed no more than 90 days prior to the program start date**. The student completes the front page and the medical doctor (MD), doctor of osteopathy (DO), physician's assistant (PA), or nurse practitioner (NP) completes the back page. Please make certain that the activity level (limited or unlimited) is noted on the physical exam form signed by the health care provider.
- ❖ **Current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)** - American Heart Association – Health Care Provider (BLS) and Military Training Network (MTN) are the only CPR courses that will be accepted. Please furnish the original card and a photocopy – front and back) – **online certifications are not accepted.**
- ❖ **Negative Criminal Background Check or Declaratory Order** from the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) **completed no more than 90 days prior to the program start date**. All criminal history background checks must be conducted, and verification of negative results received prior to enrollment in the ADN/VN Programs. Negative results for the criminal history background check will be honored for the duration of the enrollment period in the Program.

- ❖ **Negative 11-Panel Drug Screen must be completed no more than 45 days prior to the program start date.**
Results must be mailed, emailed, or faxed directly to the CTC DHS.
- ❖ *Note that additional immunizations and/or health requirements may be required by the clinical site based on its rules and regulations.
- ❖ Currently many or all clinical sites are requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination to include documentation of COVID-19 vaccinations from Moderna, Pfizer, or Johnson & Johnson The facility as a clinical student. Students should expect this facility requirement to continue."

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