

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSING PROGRAM

All immunization requirements MUST be uploaded to Certified Background (certifiedbackground.com) and accepted by their reviewers for a student to remain in good standing in the program. Failure to meet deadlines may result in termination from the program.

ALL students must meet the immunization requirements. Exceptions for health restrictions (pregnancy, immunotherapy treatments, etc. must be documented and signed by the treating physician) and will be considered on a case by case basis.

Upon acceptance in the nursing program, the following requirements are **REQUIRED** to be completed and accepted by Certified Background no later than August 15th. PLEASE NOTE: Certified Background has peak submissions during August. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL AUGUST 1 to begin this process.

MMR and Varicella – Titers are required to show positive immunity.

Proof of childhood disease is not accepted

Titers must have been performed within 10 years of starting the program

Tetanus –

- Proof of a tdap immunization performed within 10 years of starting the program is required and must be updated if the 10 year limit expires while you are in the program.

Hepatitis B

- Proof of the 3 series of injections is recommended but optional. **If you have not had the series and choose not to do it at this time, you must complete the attached waiver.**
- If you start the series, upload the information to Certified Background for the first injection and update your record as you receive the remaining shots.

PPD

- Proof of a negative result 2-Step PPD test is required.
 - This must be kept current within 12 months of the first test. You will be responsible for keeping this test up to date throughout the program.
- A one-step PPD does not meet the program requirement
- If you have had a positive PPD result in the past:
 - You may have the Mantoux (T) Test performed instead of the PPD
OR . . .
 - You may have a chest X ray to prove lack of disease
OR. . .
 - If you have had a previous chest x-ray within the past 24 months, you may have your doctor document on the health form or under letterhead that there is no evidence of active disease present.

FLU SHOTS

- Flu shots will not be available until August 15th. Deadline for Certified Background approval is **September 1**. This is required before you will be allowed to attend clinicals. Failure to comply may lead to dismissal from the program.

Information required on EVERY submission to Certified Background include:

- **Official letterhead or pharmacy form**
- **Student name**
- **Description of immunization and date of injection or titer**
- **Signature of pharmacist/ technician/physician**