

VACCINATION POLICY

Students in a health career program have an increased risk of exposure to various health risks and illnesses, including Hepatitis-B. In regard to Hepatitis, the college informs students that this is a very serious illness but it can be prevented by a Hepatitis-B vaccination. The college requires students in the practical nursing program and the LPN to RN program to obtain the Hepatitis B vaccination series. The student is responsible for obtaining a series of required inoculations shortly after enrolling for the practical nursing program or the LPN to RN program. It is up to the student to maintain this immunization during their training at the college unless a physician documents that he/she is medically prohibited from receiving the immunization.

For the Practical Nursing program or the LPN to RN program:

Students should understand that exposure to health risks is an inherent part of working in the healthcare field. Furthermore, students shall release Ohio Business College from responsibility if they should contract Hepatitis-B or any other health problems resulting from the training or employment in the healthcare field.

Health Information

To complete the confirmed admission to the Practical Nursing Program or the LPN to RN program, the student must have a completed health record on file and provide proof of immunization or titer immunity as required by the clinical agencies.

Physical Exam/Drug Screen

A current physical exam is required prior to starting the Practical Nursing Program or the LPN to RN program (current = (within (1) year of start date). The student must complete an Ohio Business College Pre-Admissions Health Form or a physical form that is signed and dated by physician or qualified medical representative without limitation, restrictions, and free of communicable disease. The student is responsible for submitting the completed information to the Nursing office.

The Practical Nursing Program and the LPN to RN program must confirm with all clinical facilities documentation of the student's health history and immunizations prior to the student's arrival. Students who do not complete required documents will be unable to attend clinical and will be dropped from the Practical Nursing Program or the LPN to RN program. It is the students' responsibility to ensure all mandatory health requirements are submitted to the Nursing office by the deadline.

All students enrolling into the Practical Nursing program or the LPN to RN program must complete and have a negative drug screen.

Immunizations

Participation in clinical experiences requires documentation of immunizations, and in some cases proof of immunity via titers (a blood test used to measure the level of immunity to the disease process). Insufficient immunity will result in required re-immunization prior to clinical placement. Lack of documented proof of immunization and/or immunity may prevent placement in clinical rotations and therefore prevent completion of the clinical experience. These requirements may lead to failure to pass the course and progress in the practical nursing program or the LPN to RN program. The following immunizations are required. This list may change as changes are made by any of the clinical agencies.

The student must provide immunizations records, which include:

1. Annual influenza vaccination.
2. Annual Covid Booster (within (1) year of start date) and documentation of the original vaccination. All brands accepted
3. Childhood vaccinations such as MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) or titer to demonstrate immunity, Varicella (chicken pox) or titer to demonstrate immunity, DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) or TDAP (within the last 10yrs).
4. Hepatitis B vaccination series.
5. Negative **TB (PPD)** or **Mantoux** (2-step) testing prior to the start of the Clinical Experience and must remain active throughout Program matriculation. Test results must remain active/current (within (1) year of start date) through the last day of all clinical experiences. The Practical Nursing Program and the LPN to RN program requires; 2-step testing is required by many clinical sites and communicated to students prior to clinical placement, including timing requirements. Current 2 Step PPD within (1) year of start date or an initial 2 step PPD with documented proof of annual (1) step PPD. -OR- CXR within (1) year of start date, or QuantiFERON-TB-Gold is acceptable. Positive test results may require repeat or additional testing to confirm results and confirmed cases require treatment, all at the student's expense. Students who are unable to complete PPD testing, must provide negative chest x-ray results showing no active TB disease.

2-Step TB Test

- Visit 1: Administration of TB serum.
- Visit 2: Results read and documented 48-72 hours later.
- Visit 3: Second administration of TB serum - >10 but <21 days after visit 2.
- Visit 4: Second results read and documented 48-72 hours later.

Note, all results must be read and documented by a nurse, physician assistant, or physician – not a medical assistant. Acceptable documentation of results includes date of administration, date of reading, and size of skin reaction in millimeters.

*Please note that if a facility requires any additional vaccines, you will be required to comply in order to complete clinicals. Required vaccines, examinations, testing, and health examinations will be completed at the expense of the student.

* Students will be responsible for completing any immunizations/boosters required by clinical sites. (Examples: Flu vaccine/Pneumococcal/Coronavirus vaccine)

* ALL health records must be turned in before a student can enroll into the program with the exception of the Hepatitis B series, students must have at least started the series prior to enrollment.