



Health Careers and Nursing Immunization and Health Requirement Completion Guide



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OVERVIEW

The completion guide is designed to assist the health career student fulfill the necessary health and immunization requirements throughout their course of study at Cuyahoga Community College. Many requirements are universal; however, there are some variances among the health career programs. Always consult your respective program for specific requirements.

Once you have obtained the required immunizations, your documents must be uploaded to CastleBranch. Do not attempt to create an account or upload documents until you have received your program specific code from your health career program. It is highly recommended that you attend an Immunization and Health Requirement Workshop before establishing your CastleBranch account. Workshop schedules and registration available at <http://www.tri-c.edu/programs/health-careers/>

What is a titer?

A titer is a blood test that checks your immune status to specific diseases. In reference to MMR and Varicella, an **IgG** titer is required. Do NOT obtain an IgM titer. A positive result indicates that you have immunity and do not require an additional vaccine. A negative or equivocal result for any of these diseases indicates that you may need additional doses of the vaccine. **Please Note - immunity must be demonstrated by a lab report with values that confirm immunity.**

TITERS AND IMMUNIZATIONS –

MMR TITER (MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA) TITER IS REQUIRED FIRST

- A positive IgG titer result indicates immunity. Must be demonstrated by a lab report
- A negative or equivocal IgG titer result for Measles, Mumps or Rubella **does not** satisfy this requirement. If your result is negative or equivocal you must provide/obtain one of the following:
 - Medically documented evidence* of obtaining two vaccines for Measles and Mumps, and one vaccine for Rubella **or** two doses of MMR in your lifetime in **addition** to the titer, you are compliant
 - If you do not have medically documented evidence of some or all of the required vaccines, you must obtain additional doses to be the equivalent of:
 - 2 doses of Measles vaccine
 - 2 doses of Mumps vaccine
 - 1 dose of Rubella vaccine

or

 - Two doses of MMR in lieu of the individual vaccines

Note: - doses must be administered 28 days apart based upon current CDC recommendations

Medically documented evidence = Electronic Record (ex. MyChart) **OR** Medical Facility Letterhead/Printout **OR**, Any and all other documents must be signed and/or stamped by a healthcare provider including both Healthcare Provider Contact information AND Student date of birth

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VARICELLA (CHICKEN POX) TITER IS REQUIRED FIRST

- **A positive titer result** indicates immunity. Must be demonstrated by a lab report
- **A negative or equivocal titer result** for Varicella **does not** satisfy this requirement
 - If you have medically documented evidence of obtaining two vaccines for Varicella **in your lifetime** in **addition** to the titer, you are compliant.
 - If you **do not** have medically documented evidence of obtaining two vaccines for Varicella, you must obtain the missing vaccine(s) to meet the requirement

HEPATITIS B (HEP B) (OPTION 3 DOSE SERIES OR POSITIVE TITER)

- A positive titer meets all Hep B requirements. Must be demonstrated by a lab report
- **If unvaccinated**, obtain the 3 dose series administered at 0, 1, and 6 months. Document must include name, administration dates, healthcare provider information and signature
- **A negative or equivocal**titer** requires documentation of a three dose series. Your healthcare provider must complete results, date and enter provider information.

** Some clinical sites may require an additional three dose series for those with a negative or equivocal titer. Check with your specific program.

TDAP (TETANUS-DIPHTHERIA-PERTUSSIS) (VACCINE)

- A documented dose of Tdap
 - If Tdap was obtained more than 10 years prior, a Td booster is required. Healthcare provider must complete dose date and booster date (if applicable) and enter provider information.

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TB TEST (TUBERCULOSIS TESTING)

- **A two-step (Double Mantoux) is required** initially (within the past twelve months of admission into a health career program). Obtain test 1, return 48-72 hours to have test read. Obtain test 2 one to three weeks after test 1 is administered, return 48-72 hours to have test read. Your healthcare provider must document dates, results and enter provider information.
- **A one-step TB is required ▲** in *subsequent* years following the initial two-step. Annually and prior to the one year anniversary of the last skin test, obtain a one-step TB skin test. Your healthcare provider must complete results, date, and enter provider information.

OR

- **IGRA Blood Test - i.e. QuantiferON Gold or T-Spot ▲** (you may choose this option annually in lieu of the skin tests listed above.) Your healthcare provider must document results, date and enter provider information. **If positive due to latent tuberculosis, obtain a chest x-ray**

AND

- **Chest x-ray** is required for positive results due to latent tuberculosis disease. A chest x-ray is only required **once every five years**. Medical Provider Verification Statement required in conjunction with x-ray report. In subsequent years following the chest x-ray only the Medical Provider Verification Statement is required to confirm the absence of active TB.
- **Medical Provider Verification Statement ▲** Required in combination with original x-ray and independently in subsequent years following a chest x-ray. Your healthcare provider must provide a statement that indicates there are no active signs of TB and enter provider information.

INFLUENZA VACCINE

- **An Influenza vaccine (flu shot) ▲** is required annually between the months of August 1 – November 1. (Some program deadlines may differ, please verify with your specific program). You must provide document that includes your name, date and medical source, and receipt if from pharmacy, or your healthcare provider must document the date, and enter provider information. You will receive annual renewal notification from CastleBranch.

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PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS (ALL OTHER'S PROCEED TO ITEM 15)

- **Vision Exam** is required for the **Dental Hygiene, MLT, Phlebotomy and Optical programs ONLY**. Provider to enter date of exam and complete provider information.
- **Color Blindness Test** is required for **the MLT and Phlebotomy Programs ONLY**. Provider to enter date of exam and complete provider information.
- **Dental Exam with Radiographic images Dental Hygiene ONLY**. Provider to enter date of exam and complete provider information.
- **Pre-Exposure Rabies Vaccine-RECOMMENDED but not required. Vet Tech ONLY**. Obtain the three-dose series according to the following schedule: Dose 1 - as appropriate; Dose 2 – 7 days after dose 1; Dose 3 – 28 days after dose 1. Your healthcare provider must document dates and enter provider information.

REQUIRED FORMS

HEALTH RELEASE FORM

- The Health Release Form is required for all health career programs. Healthcare provider must enter provider information. Student must sign and date. **(Some health career programs may have additional physical requirements, please check with specific program).**

HEALTH INSURANCE ATTESTATION

- The Health Insurance Attestation Form is required for all health career programs. Student must complete the form in its entirety sign and date. Students may be required to provide evidence of health insurance from clinical/practicum site during his/her clinical experience.

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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

CPR

- Most health career programs require CPR certification. American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers is the **ONLY** acceptable certification. Documentation to be uploaded to the student's CastleBranch account. Acceptable documentation includes:
 - Copy of front and back of CPR card with signature
 - Letter of certificate verifying completion of course
 - Digital Certificate with name and scan bar code

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION (BCI) CHECK

- Most health career programs require a criminal background check. The following URL provides general information about the background check <http://www.tri-c.edu/programs/health-careers/general-bci-requirements.html> Students ***should not*** obtain a BCI until instructed to do so by the respective program manager.

DRUG SCREEN

- Many health care facilities require student that attend their site be drug screened. Detailed information is available at the following URL <http://www.tri-c.edu/programs/health-careers/documents/Drug%20Screening%20Policy.pdf> Students ***should not*** obtain a drug screen unless instructed to do so by the respective program manager.

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