

	<p>Welcome to online support for fulfilling background checks and health requirements for allied health and nursing programs.</p> <p>In this module you will learn how to fulfill the Tuberculosis requirement. The TB screening confirms the absence or presence of the disease Tuberculosis.</p>
	<p>There are a few options for fulfilling this requirement.</p> <p>The standard baseline process is the two-step skin test called the (Double Mantoux TB skin test)</p>
	<p>Step one – obtain a skin test from a medical provider. Return to have skin test read in 48-72 hours. If negative, return <i>no sooner</i> than one full week later for skin test two.</p>
	<p>Repeat the process and return to have the skin test read in 48-72 hours. If negative, submit results of both tests to CastleBranch as one fluid document.</p>
	<p>As long as you remain in a health career program, you are required to complete a new one-step TB test every 364 days.</p>

	<p>You will not need to repeat a two-step except under the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you fail to obtain the subsequent one-step by day 365 • or if you exit and re-enter a health career program after 12 months of your initial two-step.
	<p>In lieu of a two-step skin test, students may opt for the IGRA Blood Test, known as the QuantiFERON Gold or T-Spot. This blood test confirms the presence or absence of tuberculosis.</p> <p>IGRA blood test is frequently chosen by those that have previously received the BCG vaccine. The BCG vaccine can create a false positive in traditional TB skin tests whereas the IGRA blood test will not</p>
	<p>CAUTION!</p> <p>Students are encouraged to thoroughly investigate options. Costs can vary greatly with blood tests, skin tests and vaccines. Health insurance coverage is not guaranteed. Check with your provider before initiating. Shop providers, pharmacies and consumer labs for your best options.</p>
	<p>If your test result is positive, see your health care provider. You are required to obtain a chest x-ray.</p> <p>If the chest x-ray is clear, you will submit the chest x-ray along with a medical provider statement that confirms you are absent from active TB symptoms.</p>
	<p>Chest X-rays are valid for five years.</p> <p>Medical provider statements must be repeated annually.</p>
	<p>If you have questions regarding this or any requirement, please contact your respective health career program.</p>