

### **Tuberculosis Testing (PPD)**

Students must have current tuberculosis (TB) testing (Two Step PPD or chest X-ray as appropriate) prior to admission to the Athletic Training and Cardiovascular Technology Programs. While enrolled, an annual PPD is required of those with a previous negative PPD test, and a chest x-ray is required for converters who experience signs and symptoms suggestive of tuberculosis. Testing may be done by the health care provider or health department of choice. Anyone testing positive for tuberculosis must receive treatment prior to either admission or continuation in athletic training courses. Testing serves to prevent latent TB infection from progressing to clinically active TB and reduces the risk of transmission of TB in the health care setting and the University. Proof of testing results is required for participation in all clinical practicums.

Upon admission to the athletic training or cardiovascular technology program, the student must have had within the previous 6 months either a negative Two Step PPD test or negative chest X-ray for previous converters and those with allergies. A photocopy of testing date and results must be provided for placement in the student's record at the College of Nursing and Health Science. If a student receives a positive test prior to entering the athletic training program, treatment must be received before beginning the program. Proof of treatment must be provided before enrolling in athletic training courses. If a student converts to a positive PPD while in the program, treatment must be received, and documentation of physician/clinic approval to continue in the program provided to the College of Nursing and Health Science. A student undergoing treatment must also provide written documentation of all chest X-ray results, recommended follow-up, and evidence of completion of indicated therapy.

**\*\*Some internship sites may require students in all majors to have this testing done.\*\***

**Students must provide yearly proof of a TB test. Any student without proof of a yearly TB test will be unable to attend clinical until such requirements are met. Unexcused clinical absence(s) and lost points in the related clinical class will ensue.**

### **Immunization Policy**

Students in the Athletic Training and Cardiovascular Technology Programs (and any others doing internships off campus) are required to be immunized against:

- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR),
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap),
- Chickenpox (Varicella), and
- Hepatitis B (HBV)

prior to beginning clinical experiences. Students who have only a DTap vaccination from early childhood must receive the teen/adult Tdap booster prior to beginning clinicals. These vaccinations may be obtained from the health care provider or health department of choice. If you are unable to provide proof of current vaccination, you **must have a titer drawn to show adequate protection.**

Since the HBV vaccination consists of three (3) injections over six months (initial injection, a second administered thirty (30) days after the first, and the third administered six (6) months after the first injection), students not currently fully vaccinated must obtain at least two injections prior to athletic

training program admission. Proof of series completion is required **within three (3) months of admission**. A photocopy of the immunization card/record and a copy of the titer results must be provided for placement in the student's record at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Individual clinical sites may also require students receive Influenza (Flu), COVID-19, and/or Meningococcal (MCV4) vaccinations prior to attending clinicals. Students with bona fide medical exceptions to obtaining one or more of these additional vaccinations can provide appropriate documentation to the clinical agency.

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**COVID-19:** At this time, the School of Health Sciences is not requiring students to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, but if you are placed at a clinical rotation or internship site that mandates vaccination, you will be removed from that site immediately. If you have been vaccinated, we ask that you are prepared to provide proof to your community partner.

**Any student without required proof of initial vaccination or series completion at the appropriate time will be unable to attend clinical until such requirements are met. Unexcused clinical absence(s) and lost points in the related clinical class will ensue. Students must produce documentation through immunization records and/or titers for immunizations requested by the College of Nursing and Health Science.**