Health Sciences & Nursing
Health Requirements

The safety of patients, students, faculty, and staff is a high priority in the Division of Health Sciences at Hagerstown Community College (HCC). All students are required to have current immunizations and/or tests as a condition of enrollment in externship/clinical courses within the division’s program areas. Students must complete all tests and immunizations and submit a completed health form by the indicated due date. As a future health professional, it is hoped that you understand the importance of infection control for the safety of you and your patients.

Required Documented Tests and Immunizations

Students must have and document the following tests and immunizations.

1. **Hepatitis B.** Document three doses of the vaccine or antibody titer (blood test) results documenting immunity. **Note:** The Hepatitis B series takes four to six months to complete; therefore, if you have not had this series, you should begin this process as soon as possible to comply with this requirement.

2. **Varicella (Chicken Pox).** Document two doses of the vaccine or a medical provider reported history of the disease. If you are unsure whether or not you have had varicella, you may submit antibody titer results documenting immunity.

3. **Measles (Rubeola).** Document two doses after age 12 months or antibody titer results documenting immunity.

4. **Mumps.** Document two doses after age 12 months or antibody titer results documenting immunity.

5. **Rubella (German measles).** Document two doses after age 12 months or antibody titer results documenting immunity.

6. **Tetanus/Diphtheria.** Document most current dose of Td or Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) within the last ten years. If it has been at least 2 years since your last Td and you have never had a Tdap, a Tdap is required.

7. **A two-step tuberculin skin test (TST) test.** Documentation of the two-step TST. This test involves placement of a purified protein derivative (PPD) to test for tuberculosis. It must be read 48-72 hours after placement, and the area of indurations recorded. HCC requires a second PPD test to be performed two weeks after the first test. This two-step TST needs to be done once.

8. **Annual Tuberculin Skin Test.** Annual TST’s are required each year you are in your program.

9. **Chest x-ray if you have had a positive TST.** If you have had a positive TST, your documentation must include the results of your follow-up chest x-ray. Once this documentation is submitted, yearly TST is not required.

10. **Individuals with a previously positive PPD.** If an individual has a previously positive tuberculin skin test, the test date and result must be recorded on the health form. A copy of a report for a chest x-ray...
completed within the past 6 months must also be attached. In lieu of the chest x-ray, official
documentation of a history of tuberculosis disease and completion of treatment must be identified.

An additional resource you may choose to use in the event that your health care provider is unavailable:
Health @ Work
10715 Downsville Pike, Suite 100
Hagerstown, MD 21740-7240
Phone: 240-313-9910
Fax: 240-313-9915
Hours of Operation: Monday thru Friday 7AM-5PM 5/29/09