



## 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.

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

8. **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.

9. **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.

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An additional resource you may choose to use in the event that your health care provider is unavailable:

Health @ Work

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