

DHS Immunization & Health Requirements*

****After you are selected for the ADN or VN Program and before registration for the first semester of nursing courses, you must provide documentation of each of the following mandatory immunizations:**

- ❖ **Tetanus/Diphtheria Tdap** must be noted as administered within ten (10) years of the program start date- If there is no record, the student must get a Tdap.
- ❖ **Polio** Students enrolled in health-related courses are **encouraged** to ascertain that they are immune to poliomyelitis. (Not required)
- ❖ **Measles:** Two doses are required. Serologic confirmation of immunity is acceptable (titer completed and interpreted as immune to measles).
- ❖ **Mumps** Two doses required. Serologic confirmation of immunity is acceptable (titer completed and interpreted as immune to mumps).
- ❖ **Rubella:** Two doses required. Serologic confirmation of immunity is acceptable (titer completed and interpreted as immune to rubella).
- ❖ **Hepatitis B** Students must complete the Hepatitis B series, which consists of a documented series of three vaccinations or two vaccinations of Heplisav-B (HepB-CpG). The three-shot series of injections are administered over six months; two doses of Heplisav-B are given one month apart; please plan accordingly! Serologic confirmation of immunity is acceptable (titer completed and interpreted as immune to Hepatitis B).
- ❖ **Tuberculosis Tuberculosis Documentation of negative screening results for tuberculosis (TB) is required. Students must complete one of the following TB tests no more than 90 days before the program start date:** 2- Step Tuberculin Skin Test; QuantiFERON®-TB Gold In-Tube test (QFT- GIT or Q-Gold) or T-SPOT®TB test (T- Spot). After that, a 2- Step Tuberculin Skin Test, QuantiFERON®- TB Gold In-Tube test (QFT-GIT or Q- Gold), or T-SPOT®TB test is required annually. If there is a history of positive PPD, then a negative chest x-ray must be current and updated each year.
- ❖ **Varicella:** Two doses are required. Serologic confirmation of immunity is acceptable (titer completed and interpreted as immune to varicella).
- ❖ **Influenza** Must show current flu season vaccination no later than October 1st; those admitted in Spring semesters must receive the current season flu shot no later than two weeks before the program start date and will be required to obtain another vaccination for the upcoming flu season no later than October 1st
- ❖ **Bacterial Meningitis:** the Texas legislature passed a law requiring ALL entering students at institutions of higher education to have an initial bacterial meningitis vaccination or booster during the five years preceding and at least ten days before the first day of the first semester or submit an affidavit for an exemption. Vaccinations older than five years will require a booster. (Refer to CTC Catalog)

