

DCOM at LMU-Knoxville PA Program

Immunizations, Tuberculosis Screening, and Drug Screening Policy (A3.07, A3.21)

Prior to matriculation and prior to beginning SCPEs, students must have a licensed health care provider complete a health history and physical examination to assess if he/she meets the minimum technical standards for enrollment and progression in the Program. Prior to matriculation and prior to beginning SCPEs, students must also have a licensed health care provider verify the student's immunization, tuberculosis screening, and urine drug screening status relative to the requirements listed below. (A3.07) Matriculating students receive the forms for the health care provider to complete with a matriculation packet and enrolled students receive these forms prior to beginning SCPEs. Clinical Affiliates may have additional requirements. Students are responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the Program's requirements and any additional requirements of Clinical Affiliates providing SCPEs for the student.

Students must submit these documents to the online central screening service by the Program's submission due dates. Matriculating students will be notified of submission due dates via email and U.S. mail. Enrolled students will be notified of submission due dates in the Spring 1 semester of the Didactic Phase. This will provide students with sufficient time to complete all requirements. Failure to submit complete documents by the Program's due dates may result in a delay of matriculation and will result in a delay of the start of SCPEs. The Medical Compliance Officer (MCO), who is not a member of the Program faculty, will view the health history and physical examination form with written permission from the student. Program faculty and staff responsible for confirming proof of vaccination, immunity, and tuberculosis and urine drug screening will view these documents after obtaining written permission from the student. (A3.21)

Listed below are the Program's immunization and tuberculosis and drug screening requirements.

- Proof of Tdap vaccination once as an adult. Tetanus (Tdap/Td) vaccination must be current through graduation.
- Proof of immunity against hepatitis B virus (Hep B Surface AB titer – qualitative or quantitative).
- Proof of immunity against measles (rubeola), mumps, and rubella (qualitative or quantitative antibody titers for MMR). If any of the 3 components show insufficient immunity, the student must receive a booster vaccination and recheck the titer(s) 6 weeks later.
- Proof of immunity against varicella (qualitative or quantitative antibody titer for Varicella; proof of 2 doses of the varicella vaccine administered at least 28 days apart; or history of prior varicella or herpes zoster infection verified by a licensed health care provider). If the antibody titer is negative, the student must receive a booster vaccination and recheck the titer 6 weeks later.
- Proof of annual negative purified protein derivative (PPD) screening for tuberculosis. If the student has a prior history of tuberculosis, BCG vaccination, or positive PPD, a negative chest radiograph within 6 months of matriculation is required.
- Proof of annual influenza vaccination.
- Negative 10-panel urine drug screen (except for prescribed medications). A copy of the results with the list of substances tested is required. For positive substances, a copy of the related prescription is required.