

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

Prior to matriculation and prior to beginning SCPEs, students must have a licensed health care provider verify the student's immunization, tuberculosis screening, and urine drug screening status relative to the requirements listed below. Matriculating students receive the forms for the health care provider to complete with the 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 their immunization record, tuberculosis screening results, and urine drug screen results to the online central screening service by the Program's submission due dates. Matriculating students are notified of submission due dates via email and the U.S. mailing address provided by the student. Enrolled students are notified via University-issued student email accounts of submission due dates for the Clinical Phase during the Summer 1 semester of the Didactic Phase. This provides students with sufficient time to complete all requirements. Failure to submit complete and signed 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. Program faculty and staff responsible for confirming proof of vaccination, immunity, and tuberculosis and urine drug screening results review these documents after obtaining written permission from the student (Student Handbook, Appendix E). (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 three (3) components show insufficient immunity, the student must receive a booster vaccination and recheck the titer(s) six (6) weeks later.
- Proof of immunity against varicella (qualitative or quantitative antibody titer for Varicella; proof of two (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 six (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 six (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.

Students with a religious exemption or medical contraindication may seek exemption from the above requirements by contacting the Program Director. The Program's Clinical Affiliates may not allow for exemptions to the above requirements and may have additional requirements.