Required Immunizations and TB Testing

Proof of immunizations and current TB testing is **required** for acceptance into the nursing program. Plan accordingly as some vaccine series, such has Hepatitis B, require 4 to 6 months to complete.

Immunization documentation must include copies of original immunization/administration records. The following will not be accepted: High school printout and copy of paid receipts.

Failure to submit required immunizations will result in an incomplete application and will lead to the application receiving a lower ranking. Only **one** email containing the required immunizations in **one** inclusive PDF file will be accepted at the time of application, so please review your documents carefully before submitting to nursing@shsu.edu.

**DUE WITH APPLICATION:**

- **MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)**—2 doses OR copy of original lab report indicating positive IgG titers for Measles/Mumps/Rubella. Results must be **quantitative** with reference ranges included. **Valid documentation of childhood immunization will be accepted.**
- **Varicella (Chickenpox)**—2 doses OR copy of original lab report indicating positive IgG titer for Varicella. Results must be **quantitative** with reference ranges included. **Valid documentation of childhood immunization will be accepted.**
  - History of chickenpox disease must be documented with proof of positive IgG titer for Varicella.
- **Hepatitis B**—3 doses AND copy of original lab report indicating positive Hepatitis B Surface Antibody (anti-HBs). Results must be **quantitative** with reference ranges included. **Valid documentation of childhood immunization will be accepted.**
  - Hepatitis B vaccine series requires a minimum of 4 months to complete with intervals of 1 month between dose 1 and 2; 4 months between dose 1 and 3, and a titer 1 month after dose 3.
  - A titer showing non-immunity following the primary vaccine series will require 1 to 3 repeat doses of Hepatitis B vaccine and a repeat titer 1 to 2 months following the last dose of vaccine.
- **Hepatitis C**—copy of original lab report showing results of a serologic test for the HCV antibody (Ab).
  - **Fall 2018 applicants:** can be completed after acceptance
  - **Spring 2019 applicants:** must be completed with application
- **Tdap**—1 dose of Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis received as an adult (after the age of 18)

**DUE AFTER ACCEPTANCE:**

- **Influenza**—Required annually for current/upcoming season. The new season begins every Fall.
- **Tuberculosis (TB) Testing**—Two Mantoux tuberculin skin tests (TST) are required to get a baseline. *Tine (4-prong) testing will not be accepted.* If the first TST is negative, a second TST is needed 1 to 3 weeks after the first TST result is read. If the TST result is positive, a chest x-ray radiology report to specifically rule out active disease, along with the TST report in “mm” must be submitted.
  - TST results must be reported in millimeters “mm” (not just positive or negative) with the date and time given and signature of provider **and** the date and time read with signature of provider.
  - TST results must also include PPD lot # and expiration date.
  - TST is required annually every 12 months and must remain current the entire semester.
  - Frequency of repeat chest x-rays depend on policies of specific assigned clinical sites.
  - **SHSU Health Center is recommended for the TB testing**

If you have questions about immunizations and health screening requirements, contact the SHSU School of Nursing Phone: 936-202-5111 (The Woodlands).