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 as 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.

DUE WITH APPLICATION:

- **MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)—2 doses OR copy of original lab report indicating positive IgG titer 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.
  
  - **Spring 2018 applicants:** 2 of the 3 doses are required at time of application.
  
  - **Fall 2018 applicants:** 3 of 3 doses are required at time of application.
  
  - **Spring 2019 applicants:** 3 of the 3 doses and the titer are required at time of 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).