



TESTS AND IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED BY THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The following is a list of tests and immunizations required by students who are accepted into the Chipola College School of Health Sciences Nursing, EMT and Paramedic Programs. All applicants must provide documented proof of each requirement below in order to receive full admission into these programs. These documents will be required by a specified deadline prior to the student starting clinical classes. **(NOTE: Hepatitis B testing and immunization can take several months to complete. The applicant may need to plan in advance to meet this requirement.)**

- ❖ **Tuberculosis Skin Test MANDATORY** (one of the following must be submitted and completed annually):
 - Two-step PPD Skin Test (must be completed on Chipola College form)
 - A two-step skin test is only accepted if first and second tests are performed within 3 weeks of each other. Anything outside the 3-week window from start to finish will be rejected and must be redone.
 - One-step PPD Skin test required yearly after initial two-step PPD.
 - Negative IGRA blood test (Tspot or Quatiferon-TB Gold)
 - If positive results for 2-step TB test, IGRA blood test is required.
 - If positive results for blood test, **BOTH** of the following are required:
 - Clear chest x-ray (lab report required) performed within the past year AND
 - Follow-up with provider with Symptom Free TB Questionnaire.
- ❖ **Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (TDaP) MANDATORY:**
 - One TDaP Booster, Boostrix or Adacel (within 10 years). If the TDaP vaccine is more than 10 years old, a booster is required. A TD booster will be accepted, but proof of the original TDaP vaccine must also be submitted.
- ❖ **Measles (Rubeola), Mumps and Rubella (MMR) MANDATORY:** Those born on or after January 1, 1957, must show proof of either:
 - Positive titer for measles antibody/immunity (within 5 years of program start date).
 - Documentation of Two doses of MMR Vaccine at least 4 weeks apart.
- ❖ **Varicella (Chicken Pox) MANDATORY:** Must show proof of either:
 - Positive titer for varicella antibody/immunity
 - Stating that you have had the chicken pox does not meet this requirement
 - Two doses of varicella vaccine at least 4 weeks apart
- ❖ **Hepatitis B Immunity MANDATORY:**

There is potential of exposure to Hepatitis B during nursing clinical. All students must have received the Hepatitis B vaccination series. Students must show proof of:

 - Documentation of receiving three Hepatitis B vaccination **OR**
 - A titer (Hepatitis B surface antibody, anti-HBs) at least 6 weeks after receiving the third vaccine. If the titer comes back with a protective concentration of **less than 10 mIU/ml**, **the student will need to be revaccinated** with 3 doses (over 4-6 months). This can be followed by another titer 6 weeks after the third dose but is not required.
- ❖ **Influenza MANDATORY:**

All healthcare providers and students will receive annual vaccinations against influenza. Students must adhere to the guidelines of the clinical facility in which they are attending clinical regarding influenza vaccination.
- ❖ **COVID-19 or Exemption Form MANDATORY:**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services have mandated this vaccination. Proof of vaccination or a religious or medical exemption must be provided.