



## Immunization & Health Screening Requirements

Please be aware that the College of Nursing allows vaccination declination for documented medical reasons only.

### CPR/BLS Certification

All students must have an active CPR/BLS certification on file for the length of their program (certification is usually good for 2 years). Certification must be through one of the following (or any certification through the AHA):

- American Heart Association Basic Life Support ('BLS Provider'), using the 'Find a Course' search from: <https://ahainstructornetwork.americanheart.org/AHA/ECC/classConnector.jsp?pid=ahaecc.classconnector.home>
- American Red Cross 'Professional Rescuer; or 'BLS/CPR for Healthcare' found by searching on this page: <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class>

### Health Insurance

All students are required to have health insurance, along with in-network health providers located at the site of their program (Tucson, Phoenix, etc.). All international students are required by law to have health insurance and must purchase the insurance through the University of Arizona Campus Health Service. Information about insurance through Campus Health can be found at <https://health.arizona.edu/fees-insurance>. You will have to verify this insurance yearly by providing a copy of your health insurance card or proof of coverage.

### MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)

Documentation of one of the following is required:

- 2 vaccinations of MMR at least one month apart, OR
- A positive antibody titer test (IgG, not IGM - lab report required) showing you are immune to each. If your titer is negative or equivocal, you will have to repeat the MMR series until you have 2 vaccinations total.

Note: If you need to get any MMR vaccinations, let us know so we can work with you on compliance deadlines. This may affect when you can get tested for things like TB, possibly causing delays.

### Varicella (Chicken Pox)

Documentation of one of the following is required:

- 2 vaccinations of Varicella at least one month apart, OR
- A positive antibody titer test (lab report required) showing you are immune. If your titer is negative or equivocal, you will need to repeat the Varicella series until you have 2 vaccinations total.

Note: If you need to get any Varicella vaccinations, let us know so we can work with you on compliance deadlines. This may affect when you can get tested for things like TB, possibly causing delays.

### Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Titer Test

Documentation of the following is required: A quantitative antibody titer test (lab report required, this must be an anti-HBs or HBsAb test, also called a Hepatitis B surface antibody test) showing you are immune. If you have not had the 3-part Hep B immunization series at any point before, you need to complete the full series before getting this test. If you have had the immunization series in the past, please get the titer test.



Once you get this test:

- If your titer is positive, then you have completed the Hep B requirements and are immune.
- If your titer is negative or equivocal, you will need to repeat part of the vaccination series: Get a Hep B booster dose, and then retake the titer test one month later, continuing this process if necessary. (The single booster dose is usually more than enough to raise immunity)

If you are in the middle of the Hep B series or waiting to get a titer test, new deadlines will be created for you in your College of Nursing CastleBranch account. You are still considered compliant if you keep on top of these deadlines, and do not necessarily need to have completed the series upon entering the program.

## **Tuberculosis Test**

In order to get into compliance for the first time, documentation of one of the following is required:

- A T-Spot test, OR
- Two different TB Skin tests within 6 months of each other, at least a week apart (this is sometimes also called a 2-step test), OR
- A QuantiFERON Gold Blood Test, OR
- A clear Chest X-Ray (lab report or physician verification of results are required). If you result in a positive reading for any of the first 3 options, you must provide the clear Chest X-Ray option.

You will have to renew this test yearly, except for a clear Chest X-Ray which lasts for two years. When renewing, any of the above tests will suffice, no matter which option you had done initially (and if you're doing the skin test option, only one test is required for renewal, instead of the two that were needed for your initial compliance)

## **Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (Tdap)**

Documentation of the following is required: a Tdap immunization/booster from within the past 10 years. The renewal date will be set for 10 years from the administered date of the booster.

## **Influenza**

Documentation of the following is required: a flu shot from the current flu season (August – April). If you start clinicals within the flu season, you are required to get the immunization, but if you start clinicals in the Summer (May – July), you are not required to get the immunization until the flu season begins in the Fall.

## **OSHA/HIPAA UAccess Training**

All students are required to take two different trainings via UAccess Learning and renew them yearly. We recommend using Firefox to complete these requirements. You can access this by going to the UAccess homepage at <https://uaccess.arizona.edu/> and clicking on the 'Learning' option, logging in with your NetID and password. The two trainings you can search for in the 'Find Learning' option and their information can be found at:

HIPAA: <https://rgw.arizona.edu/compliance/hipaa-privacy-program/hipaa-training-certification>

OSHA/Bloodborne Pathogen: <https://risk.arizona.edu/training/bloodborne-pathogens>

Submit your HIPAA and your OSHA/Bloodborne pathogen certificates to CastleBranch (additionally, sometimes you will need to upload them together in one document). To access them once you have completed the trainings, click on the Compass icon in the top right corner of your UAccess Learning page and go to 'Navigator' -> 'Self Service' -> 'Learning' -> 'My Learning'. The 'printer' icons at the ends of the rows will open the certificates.

Additional note: When renewing these trainings, the 'Recertify' option will not work, and you will have to go back to the websites linked above to know which training to enroll in for re-certification.