

**Butler Community College
Department of Nursing
Health Requirement Frequently Asked Questions**

The clinical agencies with which we are affiliated have policies requiring an annual physical exam, immunizations and TB screening for all nursing students. The following must be completed before the first day of class. **The health forms, CPR, and immunizations need to be completed and to College Health on or before the first day of class. If you have questions, please contact College Health Services (733-3371 or 218-6282).**

- Butler Health Form must be completed within the last 3 months and signed by a **physician (MD or DO), physician assistant (PA) or nurse practitioner**. If you are an EMT, LPN or CNA and took the Butler IV Therapy, EMT, or CNA course the semester prior to your admission, the 3 month deadline will be waived, but must be within the last year and will be repeated annually.
- Immunization record (on back of Butler Health Form)
 - It must be signed in the lower left hand corner of the form by a nurse or physician.

care workers.				
Varicella (<i>Chickenpox</i>) (If no vaccination, give date of disease _____ or submit titer).	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia Immunization (Encouraged if history of pneumonia)	-	-	-	-
Flu Vaccine (Consider during flu season).	-	-	-	-
DOCUMENTATION				
I certify I reviewed this student's vaccination record and transcribed it accurately.	A two-step(1-3 weeks apart) PPD Tuberculin Test must be completed within the last three months. (One-step is accepted only if initial two-step and annual one-step can be evidenced) Only intradermal skin tests are accepted. A chest x-ray(14"x17" is required for positive			Two Step Tuberculin Skin Test
Signature _____ Date ____-____-____				① Intra Dermal PPD ONLY
Name of Agency _____				② Intra Dermal F ONLY (1-3 week after above date)
The record presented was: <input type="checkbox"/> Kansas Immunization Record (pink card) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Immunization record (Specify _____) <input type="checkbox"/> School record	reactors to the tuberculin test Report _____ Date _____. If positive reactor with chest x-ray on file, student must document absence of symptoms and awareness of need to report occurrence of TB symptoms.			

Immunization record must include the following documentation:

- Tetanus (Tdap) within the past 10 years.
- Hepatitis B series, a signed refusal form, or positive titer.
- **Two** MMR's (unless you were born before 1957) at least one month apart or a positive titer for measles, mumps, and rubella.
- **Two** Varicella (chickenpox) – immunization at least one month apart, OR titer OR physician signed documentation of the date of illness. Both MMR and Varicella may be given on the same date or wait one month if not given on the same date. TB skin testing must be completed prior to Varicella and MMR.
- Verification of TB test – Documentation on the immunization form
 - Students entering the Butler nursing program for the first time must show documentation of a 2-Step TB Skin Test **OR** QuantiFERON Gold or TSpot (blood test).
 - The PPD Mantoux is the acceptable test. The TB Tine test is not acceptable. The date of the test, who gave and read it and results in **millimeters** must be documented.
 - QuantiFERON TB Gold (QFT-G) or TSpot area blood test that is used by some health care agencies. It requires a blood specimen and the results are usually available in 24 – 48 hours.

The following are some of the most frequently asked questions about these requirements.

I had a physical at the hospital where I work. Can I use that?

If you have had a recent employee physical, a copy attached to the Butler Health form is acceptable. The employee physical also must be less than 3 months old.

I work at a hospital and have a TB skin test every year. Do I need a two-step TB skin test?

If you are employed in a health care setting and have had yearly TB skin tests, you must provide proof of a yearly TB skin test. The documentation must include the date of the tests, the health professional who gave the skin test and read the results, and the results in millimeters (it cannot say “negative”). A Two-step TB skin test is currently being required the first time you receive TB testing, then an annual TB test after the first year.

If you had a QuantiFERON or TSpot test, you must submit your latest results. If you cannot provide the documentation, a TB skin test, QuantiFERON Gold/, or Tspot test must be completed. *If the student needs to receive the MMR or Varicella, please complete the TB skin test before proceeding with the MMR.* (CDC, General Recommendations on Immunizations, p. 14). Otherwise there is a one month waiting period for the PPD.

I had a positive TB skin test earlier in my life. I was told not to get another test. What documentation must I provide?

If you have had a positive TB skin test in the past, you must provide documentation of a negative chest x-ray within the last 5 years and the physician should document that you do not have any signs or symptoms of tuberculosis, or receive the Quantiferon Gold/TSpot (TB blood test). A Quantiferon Gold or TSpot is the recommended TB screening if you are foreign born and/or have received the BCG vaccine, as the results are not affected by the BCG vaccine.

I have all my immunizations recorded on a pink Kansas Immunization Record or a military record. Is this acceptable?

Yes. Please bring the pink Kansas Immunization card or military records to College Health Services so copies can be made and recorded.

Proof of immunization includes:

1. Evidence of the vaccination on an official record such as the Kansas Immunization Record (pink card), school records, or the International Immunization Record (yellow card)
2. A statement from a physician confirming previous illness
3. Positive titer results for each disease, ie MMR will need a positive titer for measles, mumps, and rubella.

Do I really have to have 2 MMR immunizations?

Yes, unless you were born before 1957 in which case you only need to show documentation of one MMR.

I had titer testing while I was pregnant. Can I use this for documentation for the MMR immunization?

The usual OB Panel includes Hep B and Rubella Titers only. Documentation of positive titer results for measles, mumps and rubella is acceptable. *Please note: Documentation must include positive titer results for all three diseases:* measles, mumps and rubella. If you cannot provide documentation of positive titers for all 3, you must fulfill the MMR immunization requirement - **Two** MMR's (unless you were born before 1957 in which case you only need to show documentation of one MMR). If you are pregnant, live vaccines are not recommended, so Varicella and MMR will be waived with a letter from your physician until after delivery.

I have to get both a TB skin test and a MMR. Is there a specific order in which I should do these? Yes.

If the student needs to receive the MMR, please COMPLETE the **TB skin test BEFORE** proceeding with the MMR. ([CDC, General Recommendations on Immunizations, p. 26](#)). Otherwise, you will have to wait 30

days before getting the TB skin test. **Vaccination with live viruses may interfere with Tuberculin Skin Test reactions and QuantiFeron Gold.** QuantiFeron Gold should be administered either on the same day as vaccination with live-virus vaccine or 4-6 weeks after the administration of the live-virus vaccine

I had chicken pox. Do I have to get the vaccine?

The student must be immune to varicella (chickenpox). A note from the physician documenting date of disease is acceptable. If the student has not had the disease or physician documentation of the disease, a titer must be done that indicates immune status. If immunity is not present, the two dose varicella immunization must be obtained.

If you need both a TB skin test and the Varicella vaccine, but sure to get the TB skin test done first. If you get the Varicella vaccine first, you will have to wait 30 days before completing the TB skin test.

Is there a specific order I should get the immunizations that I need?

Be sure to complete your TB skin test first before getting live vaccines, MMR & Varicella.

There is a 30 day waiting period between the two MMR vaccines and the varicella vaccines. A student may get a MMR and the Varicella vaccine on the same day, but if the student does not get both on the same day, then there is a 30 day waiting period between the MMR and the Varicella vaccine since they are both live vaccines.

My doctor told me that the Hepatitis B vaccine will take 6 months to complete. I cannot get that done before the due date for the health record. What do I do?

The first of the three hepatitis B immunizations must be completed *before* the start of the clinical experience. All three injections should be completed within the semester. Be sure to keep documentation of the second and third vaccine because you will have to provide that information later in the semester.

I cannot locate my immunization records at all. What do I do?

Students must have proof of immunizations. Upon request, college health staff can look up previous immunizations on the Kansas Registry. You must complete all immunizations listed prior to clinical. You may have blood work done to confirm immunity to Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella and Hep B. Be sure to complete the TB skin testing PRIOR to starting the two MMR immunizations or the Varicella vaccine. If you do not have documentation of any tetanus immunizations, you must show proof of at least one Tdap (with the pertussis).

Please contact College Health via e-mail collegehealth@butlercc.edu or call 733-3371 or 218-6282 for information concerning international students and nursing students with immunization questions.

We strongly encourage you to keep a record of these immunizations since you will need them for future health care employers.

You will receive a computerized copy of your immunizations each semester you are a nursing student at Butler through your Butler Pipeline email address. If you are NOT receiving the emails, or feel your record is incorrect, please contact Butler College Health Services as soon as possible.