

**Health Screening Form
Phlebotomy Program
Questions and Answers**

What tests or immunizations are required for phlebotomy students?

The following are required:

- Tuberculosis x 2
- Rubella (German Measles)
- Rubeola (10-day measles)
- Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- Tetanus
- Diphtheria
- Hepatitis B

A negative drug test and Hepatitis C test are **not required**. These are being considered and may be a requirement starting in the future.

When do I need to submit the completed Health Screening form and official documentation?

All documentation, except for the second TB skin test must be submitted by the end of the online component. The second TB skin test or x-ray will need to be done within 30 days of entering clinical experience. If you are declining the Hepatitis B Vaccine, you need to sign the form and have it witnessed by a Pinellas County Schools Representative.

NOTE: It can take up to two weeks for some test results to come back or you may need to wait several week between injections so it is strongly recommended that you start this process as soon as possible so that you can meet the stated deadline. You will not be admitted to clinical experience unless all required documentation has been received.

Please note that a copy of a bill from a healthcare provider is **not acceptable** proof of immunizations.

What documentation do I need to include?

- **Tuberculosis**

You need to provide a copy of the negative results of the Mantoux (dated within 12 months prior to the start of class), or if you have had the disease, a Doctor's statement regarding the prescribed medication you are taking or have completed.

Everyone will need either a chest x-ray or negative Mantoux within 30 days of starting clinical experience. Your instructor will inform you of the acceptable dates.

(Remember 2 tests require 4 office visits. 2 office visits per test. First to have the test administered and the second office visit to have the test 'read' and obtain the documentation.)

- **Rubella**

If you have had the disease, you need to provide documentation of a positive titer (blood test) showing the presence of antibodies in your system. A Doctor's statement that you have had the disease is **NOT** sufficient. If the titer is negative (meaning the antibodies are not present in your system), you will need to provide documentation that you have received the appropriate immunizations

You may also provide documentation of having the appropriate immunizations based on your age. Refer to the Health Screening for Health Science Education form to determine the immunizations you need.

- **Rubeola**

If you have had the disease, you need to provide documentation of a positive titer (blood test) showing the presence of antibodies in your system. A Doctor's statement that you have had the disease is **NOT** sufficient. If the titer is negative (meaning the antibodies are not present in your system), you will need to provide documentation that you have received the appropriate immunizations.

You may also provide documentation of having the appropriate immunizations based on your age. Refer to the Health Screening for Health Science Education form to determine the immunizations you need.

- **Varicella**

If you have had the disease, you need to provide documentation of a positive titer (blood test) showing the presence of antibodies in your system. A Doctor's statement that you have had the disease is **NOT** sufficient. If the titer is negative (meaning the antibodies are not present in your system), you will need to provide documentation that you have received the appropriate immunizations.

You may also provide documentation of having the appropriate immunizations based on your age when you received the immunizations. Refer to the Health Screening for Health Science Education form to determine the immunizations you need.

- **Tetanus and Diphtheria**

You need documentation that you have had the injections within the last ten years.

- **Hepatitis B**

You need documentation of having had the three required injections, or a copy of a blood test showing the presence of antibodies. **You may also choose to decline the Hepatitis B vaccine by signing page 2 of the Health Screening for Health Science Education form and having it witnessed by a Pinellas County Schools representative.**

Where can I go to get the immunizations and blood tests?

- Your primary care physician
- Urgent care clinic
- Any county health department.
 - o Pinellas County: www.pinellashealth.com
 - o Pasco County: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdpasco/default>
 - o Hillsborough County: <http://www.hillscountyhealth.org/>