

HEALTH CARE PROGRAM IMMUNIZATION & SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

To protect your health and the health of patients, the State of Texas requires that all students in direct contact have obtained the immunizations below. Galveston College must also abide by any additional requirements requested by the clinical facility. It is the student's responsibility to obtain all immunizations in the proper timeframes, students will not be allowed to enroll or begin clinicals unless all requirements are satisfied.

Bacterial Meningitis: Currently CE students enrolled in courses/programs with less than 360 contact hours are exempt from this requirement.

Hepatitis B: A series of three immunizations and documentation of a positive titer 4-6 weeks after the third immunization. (The second immunization is given 4 weeks after the first and third at least 8 weeks after the second and 16 weeks after the first. It takes a minimum of 4 months to complete the series of three immunizations).

- Alternate method (If available)-

Request the TWINRIX Hep A & B combo vaccination accelerated dosing schedule that requires 3 doses *over* a 30 day period (second dose 7 days after the first and third dose 21-30 days after the first) and a final booster 12 months after the first dose. Receiving the first 3 initial doses satisfies the state policy for our students. Keep in mind that to be fully protected and to remain in compliance for employment purposes, the 4th dose should be completed on schedule.

Influenza (Flu): proof of one dose within the last year (if required by clinical facility)

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)*:

Measles (Rubella or red measles): If you were born in or after 1957. You must have either documentation of two doses of measles or two doses of MMR vaccine (separated by at least 30 days) after 12 months of age OR a titer result adequate to indicate immunity.

Mumps: If you were born in or after 1957. You must have either documentation of one dose of mumps or MMR vaccine after 12 months of age OR a titer result adequate to indicate immunity.

Rubella (German measles): Required for all students. You must either have documentation of one dose of MMR vaccine after 12 months of age OR a titer result adequate to indicate immunity.

Please note that report of illness **DOES NOT meet requirement for measles, mumps, or rubella. You must Provide dates of immunizations or positive titer reports.*

Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap): One dose of Tdap replacing one decennial Td booster for all students or a single dose at an interval of two years from the last Td for all students who will have patient contact or be present in a clinical setting during their educational program.

NOTE: A dose of tetanus/diphtheria (Td) within the last ten years will be accepted for students who have no Patient contact and will not be in a clinical setting during their educational program.

Varicella (Chickenpox): You must have two immunizations, a report of a positive titer, or report a date of illness.

Please note: This is the ONLY immunization that may have a date of illness reported as documentation of satisfying the requirement.

Tuberculosis (TB) skin test (PPD): You must have proof of a negative reading within 12 months of the end date of clinical. TB skin test are also required on an annual basis while enrolled OR proof of a titer positive for antibodies OR if you have a history of a positive PPD.

Chest x-ray: Required ONLY if there is a history of a positive PPD test reading. You must provide documentation of the positive PPD and a negative chest x-ray taken after the date of the reported positive PPD.

Immunizations are required for all students AND must be completed BEFORE a student may participate in any patient care activity.

Incomplete applications, as reflected by missing items from the checklist, will not be accepted!

Students must notify Galveston College Continuing Education of any change in applicant data. Failure to do so may result in withdrawal of permission to register in the class or the inactivation of the application.

I hereby certify that the information contained in this document is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation or falsification of information is caused for denial of admissions to the Health Care Program and/or expulsion from the college. I understand that faculty and staff of the Galveston College Continuing Education and Professional Development Center will read the information contained in this application.

Signature of Applicant

Date

HEALTHCARE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The following documentation is required for admission into a Galveston College Continuing Education Healthcare Program. **ALL** documentation must be submitted to the Continuing Education and Professional Development Center for approval **TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR TO CLASS START DATE**. The penalty for falsifying information on your application is immediate withdrawal without a refund.

Fully completed Galveston College Continuing Education Healthcare Program Application. This can be obtained from our website: www.gc.edu/CEregister

You may also contact or visit the Continuing Education Office.

High School diploma or GED (except for currently enrolled high school students. See CE staff for more information if applies to you).

Copy of Current State ID or Driver's License **AND** copy of Social Security Card. Your name on these methods of identification must match exactly, or you may not be able to take your certification examination upon the completion of your course.

Satisfactory Criminal History, obtained through the Texas Dept. of Public Safety website (www.txdps.state.tx.us). The following may disqualify an individual from this program: felony convictions, misdemeanor convictions involving crimes against persons; felony deferred adjudications for the sale possession, distribution, or transfer of narcotics or controlled substance; and registered sex offender.

Documentation of immunizations, as listed on the attachment. **ALL** must be completed prior to enrollment.

Current physical for some programs. (Contact CE staff for more information).

Current Healthcare Providers BLS/CPR card is required prior to clinical (except The CNA program).

