

Immunizations & Requirements Needed to Register for AHS 114 (CNA), AHS 295 (MA Practicum), or AHS 296 (Phlebotomy Internship)



Students should submit copies of their immunization records to CastleBranch and retain the originals for their own files. You may be required to submit these documents to an internship site. The Department of Allied Health and CastleBranch are unable to provide copies of these records to replace lost originals. (CastleBranch information with program applications)

Students are responsible for remaining in compliance with all mandated immunizations, immunization records, and students must adhere to all deadline requirements. Copies of updates to immunization records must be submitted to CastleBranch for the student files as mandated by the Division to continue in the program. Please note that if an immunization is due to expire during the term, it is the student's responsibility to provide updated records, or risk not participating in the clinical experience.

All immunization records must include your name and the name and signature of the healthcare provider giving the immunization and the date.

Required Immunizations to submit to CastleBranch

1. **MMR** (measles/rubella, mumps, rubella)

Options to meet this requirement:

- a. Submit a copy of proof of two previous MMR vaccinations

OR

- b. If you have had all three illnesses **OR** received the vaccinations but have no documented proof, you must have a titer drawn for each illness.

- i. If the titer results are POSITIVE, attach a copy of the results to the health declaration form.

OR

- ii. If the titer results are NEGATIVE, you must get two MMR vaccinations (each 30 days apart) and submit documentation.

2. **Varicella** (chicken pox)

Options to meet this requirement:

- a. Submit a copy of proof of a POSITIVE IgG titer for Varicella.

OR

- b. If the titer is NEGATIVE, submit a copy of proof that you received two Varicella vaccinations (each 30 days apart).

3. **Hepatitis B**

In order to apply to the Program, you must complete one full vaccine series.

Options to complete this requirement:

Submit a copy of proof of completion of Hepatitis B injections:

- a. 3 dose vaccination series: Engerix-B or Recombivax HB or HepA-HepB (Twinrix) – one to six months to complete

OR

- b. 2-dose vaccination series Heplisav-B at least 4-weeks apart

OR

- c. Submit a copy of proof of a POSITIVE HbsAB titer (lab report required)

OR

- d. Declination waiver

4. **Flu Vaccination (optional during the summer semester)**

Submit proof of current flu vaccination. The vaccination must be for the current flu season which is usually available in August or September. Flu Vaccines are not required for the Summer Programs. Please do not submit a receipt – ask for an actual medical document with the vaccine information.

5. **COVID-19 Vaccine (required by our Healthcare Partners)**

One of the following is required:

- a. Documentation of your COVID-19 vaccination(s). If you receive the 2 dose vaccine series, both doses must be submitted at the same time for approval. Documentation must include the vaccine manufacturer, date of vaccine and provider signature.

OR

A waiver for medical reasons signed by a healthcare physician, or a religious exemption note that included a personal statement from the applicant. *

**The applicant should be aware that in order for an clinical/intern/practicum site to accept students, the student must meet all requirements of the site. The requirements include providing proof of full vaccination against COVID-19. The student should understand that if they are not fully vaccinated by the time the clinical/internship/practicum begins, and/or the site does not accept a vaccination exemption, they will not successfully complete the required hours and would fail to achieve a passing grade in the course.*

6. Tuberculosis (TB)

Options to complete this requirement:

- a. Attach a copy of a recent Mantoux Method **two 2-step** TB skin test.

A two-step TB skin test consists of two separate TB tests and results. The second TB test must be administered 1 to 3 weeks after the first test.

A two-step TB skin test is valid for one year, so please be sure your test does not expire during the semester. Records for Mantoux Method 2-step skin testing for tuberculosis requires name and signature of the healthcare provider and findings.

OR

- b. If you have a POSITIVE TB skin test you must submit a chest x-ray diagnostic report stating negative for TB, with accompanying TB questionnaire signed by a healthcare provider. This must be current.

7. **Tetanus/Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) immunization within the past 10 years.** This immunization is good for only ten years. Please determine if you need a booster by looking at the date of your original immunization.

8. Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Provider (CPR)

Submit documentation of the following:

- a. (BLS) Basic Life Support certification for Health Care Providers from the American Heart Association (AHA). Must have been taken in person and stay current through the internship / practicum. Online CPR is not accepted. Documentation must be valid **6 months** from the date of submission.

9. Level One Fingerprint Clearance Card

Please provide your Arizona Department of Public Safety Level One Fingerprint Clearance Card-- copy of front and back of card, must show date issued, date of expiration, and card number

10. Background Check

Students must submit to a background check including statewide criminal (Arizona), includes maiden and alias names, Nationwide Record Indicator (National Database) with Nationwide Sex Offender INDEX, 7-year U.S. County Criminal Search, Nationwide Healthcare Fraud & Abuse, and Residency History.