

Clinical Requirements Policy

It is the policy of the Health Sciences programs to ensure students enrolled in direct patient care clinical experiences are fully protected and prepared to function safely in the hospital/healthcare environment.

Before a student may enroll in a Shasta College clinical experience, the following documentation (using forms provided) must be provided to the Health Sciences department by the designated deadlines provided in their enrollment orientation materials. Exemptions to these requirements must be approved by the Dean of Health Sciences. Inquiries concerning any exemptions should be directed to the Dean. The student will assume full costs of the immunizations.

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1. Cleared criminal background check (see pre-enrollment screening policy)
2. Negative drug screen (see pre-enrollment screening policy)
3. Physical Examination (no older than 6 months prior to enrollment)
4. Current CPR certification for Health Professional (must remain current) – resuscitation of adult, child, and infant and two (2) person rescue
5. Current (not older than 6 months) TB test results (must be repeated every 12 months throughout the program, or if required by positive testing, chest x-ray on program entry and TB screening questionnaire annually while a program participant)
6. Proof of required immunizations (**see below)

**The following immunizations are required for all students in health-related courses, which involve direct patient contact in medical settings (must provide official documentation of immunization or titer):

- a. Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis: proof of Td “booster” dose within the last ten (10) years; must show one-time Tdap adult booster with past 5 years (should wait at least 5 years between Td Booster and Tdap immunization)
- b. Hepatitis B series (HBV): written certification of serological immunity to HBV or completed 3 shot series of HBV vaccinations
- c. +Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) – 2 injections, one month apart
+Varicella (chicken pox) – 2 injections, one month apart
- d. Flu vaccine each fall following initial enrollment or signed declination

Record Maintenance

The Health Sciences Division utilizes a password-protected database for the maintenance of such records. Access is limited to the Division Dean and/or designee(s). Students are required to submit the necessary documentation to the division office for electronic filing. Students maintain original records. Students then receive notification for ongoing compliance needs throughout the duration of the program.

The Dean may immediately remove students from a clinical course or program, when, in their professional opinion, the student is not in compliance with established program standards and/or continued participation puts clinical affiliate and/or its clientele at risk.