

Immunizations

Students will be required to adhere to federally recommended standard precautions to protect themselves and to prevent the spread of disease in clinical areas. Vaccinations are required to participate in all clinical areas. These immunization requirements may be revised as mandated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) or as required by clinical sites. It is the responsibility of each student to provide proof (either by public health vaccination record or by signature of health care provider administering vaccinations or titers) to the Bridgerland Pharmacy Technician Director before the beginning of Pharm Tech II. This documentation will be placed in your permanent student file.

Required immunizations include the following:

1. Tuberculosis screening requirements. One of the following is required:

- (a) 2-step TST (two separate Tuberculin Skin Tests, aka PPD tests) is placed no sooner than seven (7) days apart and no longer than twelve (12) months apart. The last TST should be completed at the time the student begins their externship.
- (b) One (1) QuantiFERON Gold blood test with negative result.
- (c) One (1) T-SPOT blood test with negative result

If previously positive to any TB test, the student must complete a symptom questionnaire and have a chest x-ray read by a radiologist with a normal result. If chest x-ray is abnormal, the student needs to be cleared by their physician or local health department before beginning their externship.

2. Measles (Rubeola), Mumps and Rubella requirement. One of the following is required:

- (a) Proof of two (2) MMR vaccinations.
- (b) Proof of immunity to Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, Rubella through a blood test.

3. Tdap requirement:

- (a) Proof of one (1) Tdap vaccination after age ten.

4. Varicella (chicken Pox) requirement. One of the following is required:

- (a) Proof of two (2) Varicella vaccinations.
- (b) Proof of immunity to Varicella through a blood test.

5. Flu Vaccination requirement:

- (a) Proof of current, annual influenza vaccination.

6. Hepatitis B. The Hepatitis B series should be offered to anyone who is at risk for an occupational exposure, which is defined as someone with a reasonably anticipated skin, eye,

mucous membrane, or parenteral contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that may result from the performance of their duties. One of the following should be performed:

- (a) Documentation of three (3) Hepatitis B vaccinations and blood test with “Reactive” result.
- (b) Documentation of three (3) Hepatitis B vaccinations given more than 8 weeks prior to start date with no documented blood test results (no blood test is required, but a baseline titer should be run immediately if the person has a significant exposure to blood or body fluids).
- (c) Blood test with “Reactive” result.
- (d) Documentation of six (6) Hepatitis B Vaccinations with blood test result of “Not Reactive” (this person is considered a “Non-Responder”).

The Pharmacy Technician Program supports recommendations from the Utah department of Health & Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and encourages that all students receive the following immunizations: HPV, Meningococcal, Hepatitis A, and/or Polio. Please consult your personal physician to make an informed decision.