Immunizations and CPR Requirements

**Please note that immunization and CPR requirements are a compilation of the requirements set forth by clinical facilities. These records must be submitted to the School of Nursing.

July 01, 2023

1. Documentation with results of two tuberculin skin tests OR a negative TB Gold/IGRA blood test within the last 12 months. Skin tests must be a **two-step screening** for this initial submission. These tests must not expire within a semester (Fall semester is typically mid-August through mid-December and Spring semester is typically early January through early May).
    - **Please note**: First-time testers must have two (2) separate and complete screenings. The two (2) screenings must be no closer than one (1) week apart and no farther than 30 days apart. Call the Department of Nursing with questions.
    - If ever a positive reaction to the tuberculin screening, the following documentation is required: (1) documentation of the previous positive reactor, (2) a negative x-ray radiology report within the last 90 days, and (3) a negative review of symptoms documented by the "Cleared for Public Contact" memo from the public health department. This memo expires one year from the date signed.
    - A negative screen expires one year within the date of placement/blood draw. Renew and resubmit documentation annually. Those with a previous negative skin test greater than 365 days must complete a two-step screening at renewal.
2. Documentation of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) immunity by two (2) doses of MMR or by positive antibody titers.
3. Documentation of varicella immunity by two (2) doses of varicella or by positive antibody titers. History of varicella disease will not be accepted.
4. Documentation of Hepatitis B immunity by three (3) doses of Hepatitis B or by positive antibody titers. Completion of the first two doses must be submitted prior to the July 01, 2023, deadline. The third dose must be completed by November 2023.
5. Documentation of Tdap vaccine received on or after the 17th birthdate.
6. Documentation of COVID-19 vaccine series. Documentation of the one (1) dose or two (2) dose series and the manufacturer of the vaccine must be submitted. SWOSU partners with healthcare facilities to provide clinical sites. SWOSU must comply with the current vaccination requirement of those facilities to place students in clinical rotations. Therefore, to be compliant with healthcare facility requirements, it is necessary for students and instructors to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to the start of the semester and continue with vaccination requirements as facilities update them. If a student wishes to not be vaccinated, then that student will encounter barriers to program completion because of the clinical sites' vaccination requirements. SWOSU cannot make exceptions to a requirement enacted by a clinical site facility.
7. Documentation of the current season's influenza vaccine is not required until the month of October in the fall semester.
8. BLS/CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) certification from the American Heart Association (AHA) "Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers" level. The date **must** be within the last twelve months and not expire within a semester (Fall semester is typically mid-August through mid-December and Spring semester is typically early January through early May). This must be renewed annually while in the nursing program.