












## Checklist: Immunizations and Documentation Requirements for UT Tyler Nursing Students

**Definition of a titer:** *An antibody titer is a blood test that measures the number of antibodies in your blood. This determines if you have immunity to the disease. Titer results must be IgG (not IgM) and include the reference range as well as your results.*

**Note: the only vaccine that “requires” a titer is Hepatitis B** (*ask for the “Hepatitis B Surface Antibody” titer also called HBsAb or anti-HB*). Titers are optional for MMR and Varicella if you have no immunization records. For general questions, contact Jennifer Reed [jenniferreed@uttyler.edu](mailto:jenniferreed@uttyler.edu)

**There is no time limit on how recently the vaccines must have been administered. Proof of completion of the vaccine series as a child is adequate.**

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|  <b>1. Hepatitis B (Hep B)</b><br>**Alert** This requirement can take 7 months to meet. Start early!  | <b>Positive titer required.</b> If results are negative/equivocal, additional dose(s) of vaccine required. Choose <b>either</b> 2-dose series Heplisav-B ( <b>1 month</b> apart) <b>OR</b> 3-dose series Engerix-B or Recombivax HB ( <b>6 months</b> for series). <b>Repeat titer 1 month after last dose.</b> <i>Optional: check titer 1 month after 1<sup>st</sup> dose.</i> <b>See QR codes for details.</b><br><b>Note: Heplisav-B 2-dose series</b> is <u>highly</u> recommended (available at <a href="#">on-campus clinic</a> and <a href="#">certain pharmacies</a> ) |
|  <b>2. MMR</b> ( <i>Measles, Mumps, &amp; Rubella</i> )   | Two (2) doses of vaccine (at least 1 month apart) <b>OR</b> Positive IgG titers for all 3 components   |
|  <b>3. Varicella (Chicken Pox)</b>  | Two (2) doses of vaccine (at least 1 month apart) <b>OR</b> Positive IgG titer <b>OR</b> documented history of varicella or herpes zoster.   |
|  <b>4. Tdap</b> ( <i>Tetanus, Diphtheria, &amp; Pertussis</i> )   | At least 1 Tdap <b>AND</b> proof of tetanus containing vaccine (Tdap or Td) within the last 10 years (Tdap in last 10 years fulfills both requirements).   |
|  <b>5. COVID 19</b>   | Complete an ‘initial dosing’ of the COVID 19 vaccine <b>OR</b> COVID-19 Vaccine Waiver/Declination found on <a href="#">the School of Nursing (SON) policy website</a> . Note: <b>no</b> additional boosters required.   |
|  <b>6. Influenza (Flu)</b>  | Flu vaccine <b>OR</b> Exemption is <b>required each flu season</b> . Vaccine is waived if starting in Summer or Fall outside of flu season. Exemption and Waiver forms found on <a href="#">the SON policy website</a> . Required annually before October 31.  |
|  <b>7. Basic Life Support (BLS)</b>   | <b>Must be a BLS course designed for healthcare providers. Must be issued by American Heart Association (AHA) or American Red Cross (ARC).</b> See policy for details. Current certification required, renewal based on date on card.  |
| <b>Wait till accepted to the nursing program to complete the below requirements</b>  |  |
|  <b>9. Tuberculosis (Tb) Screening</b><br>(Note: obtain before or same day as any vaccines otherwise must wait 1 month after vaccine to do Tb test) | Two negative Tb skin test (injection with results read 48-72 hrs later) completed at least 1 week and no more than 12 months apart, <b>OR</b> a <u>single</u> negative blood assay test. International students with BCG vaccination, select the blood assay test. <i>Note: thereafter, the annual requirement is a single negative Tb skin test or blood assay. For prior or new positive results, email <a href="mailto:jmiles@uttyler.edu">jmiles@uttyler.edu</a>.</i>  |
|  <b>10. Student Guide</b>   | 1) Review guide located at the top of <a href="#">the SON policy website</a> 2) Print and sign the UG Acceptance Affirmation Form located on <a href="#">the SON policy website</a> under Appendices/Forms as item 9.7   |
|  <b>11. Drug Screening</b>  | Negative drug screening. Instructions will be available in CastleBranch within 24 hrs of order placement.  |
|  <b>12. Board of Nursing Blue Card</b>  | Texas Board of Nursing (BON) Blue Card or declaratory letter which confirms criminal background completed.   |

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