



Health Insurance Requirements

As a condition of enrollment, all Doctor of Pharmacy students must maintain and submit proof of personal health insurance coverage that includes effective date and renewal date. Personal health insurance covers illness and injury in classroom and laboratory situations as well as any illness or injury that occur while not on the UT Tyler campus or affiliated with a COP activity. This requirement can be met by enrolling in the [UT Tyler student health insurance plan starting in fall 2015](#) or by presenting proof of insurance coverage through an alternative health insurance plan. The Office of Student Affairs tracks this information at the beginning of each academic year. Students who do not meet the deadline to submit proof of health insurance may have delays in starting their semester coursework and/or experiential activities. This may affect the student's ability to successfully complete the curriculum and delay on-time graduation. For UT Tyler related resources, please see [UT Tyler Health and Wellness Health Programs](#).

Immunization and Screening Requirements

In accordance with state law and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the following immunizations/health screening are required for all students enrolled in health-related courses that will involve direct patient contact in medical facilities. **Unless otherwise indicated, vaccinations should be complete prior to the first day of class (Aug 17, 2015).**

Students should bring documentation of their immunizations to the First Professional Year Orientation on Aug 10, 2015. If immunizations are not already complete by that date, the student will be required to present evidence of immunizations and/or tuberculosis screening by **week 6** of their first semester enrollment in the College of Pharmacy. For those vaccines that involve more than one injection, the series must be started by week 6 in their first semester at the College of Pharmacy.

- **Influenza (flu):** Documentation of influenza vaccination (any type) required every fall semester; *starting* September-October 2015.
- **Tetanus/diphtheria:** Documentation of one Tdap "booster" within the last 10 years. *[After that, a Td at least every 10 years.]*
- **Varicella (Chicken Pox):** Documentation of the 2-dose immunization series, serological immunity (blood testing), or documentation of disease or diagnosis of either varicella (chicken pox) or herpes zoster (shingles) by a healthcare provider.
- **Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR):** Documentation of the 2-dose MMR series or serological immunity (blood test).
- **Hepatitis B:** Documentation of the 3-dose immunization series or serologic immunity (blood test); the first dose must be started **prior to week 6** of the first semester within the College of Pharmacy. Vaccination before week 6 is recommended to reach the highest levels of immunity from the vaccine prior to participating in patient care activities.
- **Tuberculin (TB) Screening:** The frequency and type of tuberculin screening depends upon if this is initial testing and the duration of time between tests. Additional information on this testing will be provided during the first year orientation.

Students are also required to meet immunization requirements of UT Tyler:

- **Bacterial meningitis** (Meningitis Policy SB 1107): Beginning in January 2012, the following students will be required to provide documentation of the vaccination for bacterial meningitis prior to completing the registration process. Exemptions to this policy may be found at <http://www.uttyler.edu/meningitis/>:
 - All first-time UT Tyler students who are *younger than 22* years of age;
 - Students (younger than 22 years of age) who have previously attended UT Tyler but were not enrolled during the fall 2011 semester.

Vaccinations and screenings are obtained at the student's expense. A student's health insurance may cover these services. Students who fail to submit documentation will not be permitted to participate in the direct patient care components of the Pharm.D. program.