Health Care Requirements for LSC-North Harris ADN Students

Frequently Asked Questions

Note: This form is provided **as a guide** for prospective ADN students at LSC-NH. We will provide additional details about the documentation necessary once students have been admitted into the program and have attended orientation. Additional questions should be directed to an immunization clinic or your health care provider.

**Who decides which immunizations are required?** The hospitals/health care facilities that we use for our clinical sites. We set our requirements to the clinical setting that has the most rigid requirements.

**Are these requirements the same for every program?** No, the requirements will vary depending on the requirements of the clinical facilities that the program uses. Therefore each college and/or program may have different immunization requirements.

**When do these tests need to be completed?** You will not be asked to show proof of immunizations (**except for minimum 1st Hepatitis B shot**) until **after** you are accepted into the program; however, you can start receiving vaccinations whenever you like. Many vaccinations will be effective for 7-10 years. All of the paperwork will be due BEFORE you begin the program but AFTER you have been admitted: July for Basic Track students and December for Transition Track students.

**What if I had these labs or immunizations completed a long time ago but I don’t have any documentation?** You must show proof to the health care professional that will sign off on your immunization and/or physical exam paperwork. If your vaccinations are more than 7-10 years old, or if you cannot find your paperwork you must have the vaccinations redone or have blood drawn for titers to prove that you still have immunity to the diseases.

**What certifications, immunizations, labs, etc. are required?**

* CPR for Health Care Providers – American Heart Association approved CPR certification will be due before the start of the program. This is available through some LSCS Continuing Education departments. The certification must be renewed every 2 years.
* Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) - Proof of disease immunity via a titer or evidence of immunization. Two (2) MMRs are required (at least 30 days apart).
* Chicken Pox (Varicella) - Proof of disease immunity via a titer or evidence of immunization, two (2) shots 30 days apart.
* TB (PPD) test - You will need to have two during the program, normally one before the start of Nursing I and then again before Nursing III. If your PPD test is positive then evidence of a chest x-ray or treatment of disease is required.
* Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) – If your tetanus-diphtheria (Td) vaccine is more than two (2) years old, or you have never had any tetanus vaccine, you will need to request the new Tdap vaccine.
* Hepatitis B series (3 immunizations in 6 months) - Completed or proof of immunity via a titer.
* Bacterial Meningitis/Hib: A new Texas law requires students of an institution of higher education, including transfer students, to be vaccinated (1 dose) against bacterial meningitis before they can attend classes. Students over 30 years of age are exempt from getting the vaccination.
* Physical Exam - You will need a health care professional (MD, PA, RN, NP, etc.) to sign off on a full physical exam. The physical exam needs to be completed on our form before the program begins and cannot be more than one year old.
* Seasonal Influenza (by injection during the fall semesters)

You will need to attach a copy of all appropriate lab paperwork for titers that were drawn to verify immunity.

**When should I begin the process?** You should take into account the following: Time it takes to get an appointment, time for labs to come back, time required between shots, cost of each shot, time for health care professional to sign forms, when the shot will expire, etc. Remember, this paperwork is not due until AFTER you have been admitted.

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