

## Academic Vaccination Policy

Students currently enrolled, or seeking to enroll, in degree programs in the university requiring clinical or other experiential education components provided by external (non-university) partners must provide proof of being fully vaccinated in accordance with the requirements generally outlined below or have an approved exemption on file within the timeframe set by the university. While an exemption may be approved by the university, it does not guarantee that the exemption will be accepted by the clinical or other educational site. Requirements A through F are required on or before the date a student first registers for classes; requirements G and H are required annually and before placement in a clinical rotation; requirement I is required before placement in a clinical rotation:

### Requirements

- A. Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis: All students must have had three (3) doses of tetanus/diphtheria (Td) toxoid, one of which must include pertussis (Tdap). If no Tdap has been given, the student must get a Tdap regardless of the time since their most recent Td vaccination. After receiving one (1) dose of Tdap, the student must have either a Td or Tdap every 10 years.
- B. MMR: Two doses or laboratory evidence of immunity to each of the three diseases
- C. Hepatitis B: Students must show documentation of a three-dose series with the first of the three (3) doses before admission to the university. For any student who has not completed the series, they must do so before the end of the first academic year. CUSOM and Physician Assistant (PA) also require a positive Hepatitis B quantitative titer AFTER the three-immunization series.
- D. Hepatitis A: (Physician Assistant only): Two dose series must be complete.
- E. Varicella (chicken pox): Students must either receive the two-series Varicella vaccination or prove immunity to the Varicella virus by a positive (+) blood titer. Individuals utilizing blood titer as proof must submit a copy of the actual numerical lab result. History of "chicken pox" in your medical record is not sufficient.
- F. Tuberculosis Screening:
  - i. Baseline individual TB Risk & Symptom Assessment
  - ii. Baseline 2-step TB skin test (given 1-3 weeks apart) OR TB Blood Test within 12 months of program admission or readmission
  - iii. Annual TB skin test or TB Blood Test to be completed within 365 days of the two-step test/TB Blood Test. If the annual test is not completed within 365 days, the student must repeat the two-step TB skin test
  - iv. Documentation of a chest x-ray is required for a past (+) PPD skin test or blood test.
  - v. If current (+) PPD or blood test, additional evaluation for TB disease will be required as deemed necessary from a healthcare provider.
  - vi. Annual completion of the TB Risk Assessment Form
- G. Influenza: Annual flu vaccine (each fall) is required for students enrolled in degree programs requiring external clinical rotations.
- H. COVID-19 Vaccine according to current CDC guidelines or as specified by clinical education partners in general or for specific sites.

Individual schools may have more specific requirements based on their educational requirements and accreditation standards.

## 2. Immunization

2.1. During introductory and advanced experiential activities and clinical rotations or internships, students will be involved in direct patient or client care and are therefore at risk for potential exposure to infectious materials and people. All students must provide proof of immunization as directed by their respective program.

2.2 Students are responsible for maintaining immunizations and for maintaining updated documentation in the required compliance system; this requirement is mandated by each affected program in order for students to complete all required supervised clinical practice and experiential components.

2.3 Most, if not all clinical and educational partners of the university (including local health systems) require all of the immunizations listed above to allow students to participate in precepted patient and client care experiences.

- A. Campbell University cannot approve medical or religious exemptions to the policies of external agencies.

- B. The University cannot guarantee alternate clinical placement of students who choose not to be immunized.

2.4 Effective January 4, 2022, students matriculating into the degree programs listed above must provide proof of all vaccinations/immunizations listed above in order to meet the requirements of external clinical partners. While Campbell University can approve requests for exemptions from these requirements for matriculation on religious or medical grounds, **it cannot approve medical or religious exemptions to the policies of external agencies.**

### **3. Requests for Exemptions**

3.1 Students who seek a medical or religious exemption to any immunization requirement should contact the Vice President for Student Life, who chairs the Exemption Review Panel, at 910-893-1541 or beam@campbell.edu. However, the grant of an exemption to an immunization requirement, including an exemption for the COVID-19 Vaccine, does not guarantee that a clinical rotation partner will honor the exemption. Campbell University cannot guarantee clinical placement for any student who does not comply with the vaccination requirements listed above, even if the student has a religious or medical exemption granted by the University.

3.2 A third-party clinical site may require students to provide proof of vaccinations listed above and/or others and/or repeated testing at the student's expense to work in its clinical settings. Campbell University does not have authority or control over a clinical site's decisions. Therefore, an exemption granted under Campbell University's policies may not be applicable and accepted by a third-party clinical site. **Even if you are granted exemption from academic requirements by the University, failure to provide proof of vaccinations for clinical experiences as required by external agencies may limit your clinical training opportunities and prevent or delay completion of academic requirements and graduation. Any expenses required by a clinical site for testing are the sole responsibility of the student.**

3.3 If a student does receive an exemption, this does not create a prioritization in clinical placements. Standard placement processes will be utilized without consideration of waiver status.

3.4 If a student does not receive a clinical rotation placement as a result of an external agency's refusal to allow placement of a student who has not obtained all required vaccinations, the student will not be entitled to a refund of tuition or other relief from Campbell University.