

IMMUNIZATION GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

These are the guidelines for immunizations required for admission to the Nursing Program. Upon **acceptance** to the Nursing Program, you will be required to provide documentation of your immunization status. If these guidelines are not followed precisely, your acceptance into the Nursing Program can be withdrawn. The student is advised to wait until after receiving notice of acceptance before getting immunizations and CPR certification.

1. After returning your Letter of Intent to the School of Nursing office, you will need to go online and create your CastleBranch account. After we receive your letter we will e-mail a Reference Guide to you that will help you navigate through CastleBranch. Please be sure you have supplied our office with a correct e-mail address that you check every day since that is where we will e-mail your guide as well as any other items we need to contact you about.
2. See the "East Central University – Nursing: How to Place an Order" page included in your acceptance packet. This account is used to collect and manage your immunization information, CPR, Drug Testing, Background Check, etc.
3. If you need clarification about your immunization status, please contact the Nursing Department Office Administrator and not the community facilities. Your immunizations must be completed by the January 2nd deadline. You are not allowed to attend clinical/laboratory experiences if immunizations are not completed, and this could result in detrimental consequences to your course grades.

IMMUNIZATION RECORD: The immunizations listed on the following pages are required of **all** persons seeking admission to the nursing program. The only exception is for medical reasons. If you cannot supply documentation then you will have to be immunized as indicated for an adult or submit a titer demonstrating immune status. Records from a doctor's office, county health department, hospital or school are acceptable. **Statements such as "as a child," "up to date," or "not needed," are not acceptable.**

1. **Influenza vaccination (Flu shot):** All persons aged 6 months or older who do not have a contraindication should receive annual influenza vaccination with an age-appropriate formulation of inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV) or recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV).
2. **Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis vaccination (Tdap):** Adults who have not received tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap) or for whom pertussis vaccination status is unknown should receive 1 dose of Tdap followed by a tetanus and diphtheria toxoids (Td) booster every 10 years. Tdap should be administered regardless of when a tetanus or diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine was last received. Adults with

an unknown or incomplete history of a 3-dose primary series with tetanus and diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccines should complete the primary series that includes 1 dose of Tdap. Unvaccinated adults should receive the first 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart and the third dose 6–12 months after the second dose.

3. **Measles, mumps, and rubella vaccination (MMR):** Adults born in 1957 or later without acceptable evidence of immunity to measles, mumps, or rubella (defined below) should receive 1 dose of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine (MMR) unless they have a medical contraindication to the vaccine, e.g., pregnancy or severe immunodeficiency. *Acceptable evidence of immunity to measles, mumps, or rubella in adults is: born before 1957, documentation of receipt of MMR, or laboratory evidence of immunity or disease.* Documentation of healthcare provider-diagnosed disease without laboratory confirmation is not acceptable evidence of immunity.
4. **Varicella vaccination (chicken pox):** Adults without evidence of immunity to varicella (defined below) should receive 2 doses of single-antigen varicella vaccine (VAR) 4–8 weeks apart, or a second dose if they have received only 1 dose. Persons without evidence of immunity for whom VAR should be emphasized are: adults who have close contact with persons at high risk for serious complications, e.g., healthcare personnel and household contacts of immunocompromised persons; adults who live or work in an environment in which transmission of varicella zoster virus is likely, e.g., teachers, childcare workers, and residents and staff in institutional settings; adults who live or work in environments in which varicella transmission has been reported, e.g., college students, residents and staff members of correctional institutions, and military personnel; non-pregnant women of childbearing age; adolescents and adults living in households with children; and international travelers. *Evidence of immunity to varicella in adults is: U.S.-born before 1980 (for pregnant women and healthcare personnel, U.S.-born before 1980 is not considered evidence of immunity); documentation of 2 doses of VAR at least 4 weeks apart; history of varicella or herpes zoster diagnosis or verification of varicella or herpes zoster disease by a healthcare provider; or laboratory evidence of immunity or disease.*
5. **Hepatitis B vaccination:** Adults who seek protection from hepatitis B virus infection may receive a 3-dose series of single-antigen hepatitis B vaccine (HepB) (Engerix-B, Recombivax HB) at 0, 1, and 6 months. Adults may also receive a combined hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccine (HepA-HepB) (Twinrix) at 0, 1, and 6 months. Acknowledgment of a specific risk factor by those who seek protection is not needed.
6. **Meningococcal vaccination:** First-year college students aged 21 years or younger who live in residence halls should receive 1 dose of MenACWY if they have not received MenACWY at age 16 years or older. Young adults aged 16

through 23 years (preferred age range is 16 through 18 years) who are healthy and not at increased risk for serogroup B meningococcal disease may receive either a 2-dose series of MenB-4C at least 1 month apart or a 2-dose series of MenB-FHbp at 0 and 6 months for short-term protection against most strains of serogroup B meningococcal disease. For adults aged 56 years or older who have not previously received serogroups A, C, W, and Y meningococcal vaccine and need only 1 dose, meningococcal polysaccharide serogroups A, C, W, and Y vaccine (MPSV4) is preferred. For adults who previously received MenACWY or anticipate receiving multiple doses of serogroups A, C, W, and Y meningococcal vaccine, MenACWY is preferred.

Oklahoma law requires that those students who reside in **on-campus student housing** be vaccinated against meningococcal disease. The School of Nursing recommends that **all** students get immunized against meningococcal disease. Students are advised to discuss the need for the meningitis vaccine with their primary healthcare provider. **At this time the vaccination is not a requirement for acceptance into the clinical area, but strongly recommended for students.**

7. **Tuberculin skin test (PPD/TB skin test):** This test is required within one year prior to entering the clinical program. If it has been more than a year since you received your last PPD skin test or if you have never had one before, you must obtain two skin tests separated by one week, then one every year. If the skin test is negative, nothing further is needed. If the skin test is positive or you have a history of a previous positive skin test, then further explanation is necessary. You should contact your primary healthcare provider, who will document what steps were taken after a previous positive skin test or take proper steps in case of a recent conversion to positive. If you have a history of a positive TB skin test a repeat skin test should not be given. You may obtain tuberculin skin testing from ECU's Student Health Services, any local health department, or from your primary healthcare provider.

East Central University requires that all International students submit a negative skin test to Student Health Services; submit this to ECU School of Nursing's Office Administrator, and it will be forwarded for you. This test MUST be completed in Oklahoma. If you require a chest x-ray, submit a copy of the chest x-ray report to Student Health Services. Again, submit first to ECU School of Nursing's Office Administrator and it will be forwarded for you. The chest x-ray report will be accepted as long as it was conducted in the U.S.

Each summer, students in the nursing program are required to obtain and submit another TB skin test, renew their malpractice insurance, and renew their CPR certification.