Pacific University Health Profession Programs
Required Immunizations & Screens

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

In accordance with Oregon law, Pacific University is required to ensure all students in health professions programs meet requirements for immunizations and health screenings [Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 409, Division 030, Health Profession Student Clinical Training Administrative Requirements].

All required immunizations and screenings must be complete before students can begin clinical rotations (see note related to Hepatitis B series).

It is the student’s responsibility to provide evidence of required screenings, immunizations, and/or titer results. Failure to comply may affect student’s admission, enrollment, or ability to continue in a health profession program at Pacific University.

Immunization and health screening requirements may change without notice.

Required Immunizations:

1) **Hepatitis B** – Provide evidence of:
   a) 3-dose (Engerix-B or Recombivax HB) series or 2-dose Heplisav AND
   b) Quantitative Hepatitis B titer showing immunity via a surface antibody titer.*

   *NOTES:
   1. If the titer shows you do not have immunity, additional doses of the Hepatitis B vaccine are required and a second titer must be completed.
   2. Students who are in the process of completing the Hep B series and follow-up titer are eligible for clinical placements. Continued progress toward timely completion of the series is required for ongoing placements.

2) **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)** - Provide evidence of:
   a) written documentation of vaccination with 2 doses of live measles or MMR vaccine administered at least 28 days apart, OR
   b) laboratory evidence of immunity, OR
   c) laboratory confirmation of disease (e.g. a titer for each, Measles (Rubeola) IgG, Mumps IgG, and Rubella IgG, showing immunity)

3) **Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertussis (Tdap)** - Provide evidence of:
   a) 1 dose of Tdap within last 10 years

   *NOTE: a TD vaccine (tetanus and diphtheria) is unacceptable. The combination vaccine must be for all three components of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis.

4) **Varicella** (Chickenpox) Provide evidence of:
   a) written documentation of vaccination with 2 doses of varicella vaccine, OR
   b) laboratory evidence of immunity or laboratory confirmation of disease, OR
   c) diagnosis or verification of a history of varicella disease by a health-care provider, OR
   d) diagnosis or verification of a history of Herpes Zoster by a health-care provider

Additional Recommendations and Immunization Considerations:
- **Influenza** is highly recommended (annually) for all health professionals and students in health professions programs. Documentation of annual influenza vaccination may be required by specific clinical sites.
- Individual clinical sites may require documentation for additional immunizations including polio, Hepatitis A, or other immunizations in order to be placed by the program.
Students who elect travel abroad in association with the health professions training program may have additional vaccination requirements specific to the destination country. These requirements will be explained for any student who elects to pursue an aspect of the program outside of the United States.

**Required Health Screening:**

1) **Tuberculosis (TB)** – Provide evidence of annual TB screening:
   a) 2-step Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) requires a repeat TST within 1-3 weeks of first TST OR
   b) Quantiferon Gold Test (QFT)

   **NOTE:** Any student with a positive Tuberculosis screening test must provide documentation of one normal Chest x-ray and will also complete an annual Tuberculosis Screening questionnaire.

**Exemptions**

Exemptions are permitted only in accordance with the Oregon Law (OAR §409-030-0180.3) which reads as follows: “Individual student medical exemptions from specific immunizations must be maintained by health profession programs as part of the overall record of the student. Documentation for exemption requires a written statement of exemption signed by a qualified medical professional. Non-medical exemptions from immunizations are not allowed.”

**Documentation**

A document appropriately signed or officially stamped and dated by a qualified medical professional or authorized representative of a health department including the month and year of screening results and vaccination and/or immunity confirmed by titer and/or immunity conferred by diagnosis of disease.

You can begin to gather the required documentation through requests for medical records from previous providers and/or schedule an appointment with a primary care provider, health department, or (where applicable) your current student health clinic to review your immunization history and develop a plan for completion of required immunizations and screenings.

**How to Record Immunizations and Screening Records**

Prior to beginning the program this fall, the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) will contact you with instructions about how to upload your immunization records through Certiphi’s MyRecordTracker system. You will receive instructions from your program followed by an email from Certiphi with a login code to set up an account to manage background check, drug screens, and to upload your immunizations and health screening documentation.

The medical staff at Certiphi review the documentation you upload and provide programs with verification that immunizations and screenings are complete or not complete. The School of CSD does not receive, access, or interpret medical documentation.

**Retention of Your Immunization and Screening Records**

It is recommended that you begin to gather documentation of your immunization history or history of immunity as described above. It is very strongly recommended that you retain copies of all documents for the following reasons:

1. Your program will not be able to see or access your medical records,
2. Clinical placement sites may require that you provide documentation directly to them and they do not access Certiphi/MyRecordTracker, and
3. Future employers are likely to require the same documentation.

**Questions?**

For the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders, please contact Katie Lardy, Student Services Manager at katielardy@pacificu.edu.

**For More Information**

- For more information about the State of Oregon requirements under OAR, please see: [https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayDivisionRules.action?selectedDivision=1662](https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayDivisionRules.action?selectedDivision=1662)
- For more information about the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for Healthcare Professionals please see: [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6007a1.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6007a1.htm)