

## IVCC Nursing Immunization Information

Once you are admitted into the Nursing Program you will be sent to a variety of healthcare facilities as part of your clinical rotations. Because of this, we have many mandatory health requirements. **Several** requirements are time specific so therefore you cannot start too early.

Here are some examples of the required documentation you will have to present once you're accepted into the IVCC Nursing Program.

\*Note: please be aware this is an informational document and more information along with the appropriate forms and due dates will be provided to you at a later time.

Health physical (to be completed June or July) (An IVCC physical form will be given to you in June)

A background check (to be completed June or July before admission)

A 10 panel drug screen (to be completed June or July before admission)

CPR (to be completed June, or July before admission). Either one of the following specific classes must be taken:

- American Heart Association – Course title: “BLS - Health Care Provider”
- American Red Cross – Course title: “CPR for the Professional Rescuer”

**Two step TB skin test** All students will be expected to obtain a TWO-STEP tuberculosis skin test or show documentation of a past two-step skin test.

One of the following is required:

- Negative two-step skin test (1-3 weeks apart) administered within the past 12 months OR
- Negative QuantiFERON Gold blood test administered within the past 12 months OR
- Negative T-Spot blood test administered within the past 12 months OR
- If positive results, submit a clear chest x-ray administered within the past 2 years.
  - If your chest x-ray is more than 12 months old, a symptom free TB Questionnaire dated within the past 12 months is also required.

**Immunizations:** The following immunizations can be started anytime, they are not time sensitive. If you have received any of the following injections as a child and have the appropriate documentation you will not be asked to repeat them.

**MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella):** You should have received these injections as a child. Please make a copy of your records and take it with you to your Healthcare Provider. If you cannot find your documentation you can have a titer/serological test drawn or receive the vaccination. If you obtain a titer you must have a copy of the lab results. Determine which would be least expensive (vaccine or titer). The vaccination for MMR consists of two doses given at least one month apart. **These injections do not go out of date.** We suggest you check with your high school as they may have some of your immunization records on file.

**TDap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis):** This injection is good for 10 years. If you have documentation please bring it to your Healthcare Provider during your appointment time. If needed you can receive this injection anytime since the longevity is 10 years

**Hepatitis B:** Hepatitis B is a series of 3 injections that are given over a 6 month period. Once you receive the series you do not have to repeat it. Again, if you have a record of your injections, please bring a copy to your Healthcare Provider. If you know you have received the vaccinations and cannot provide the documentation you will have to be re-vaccinated **or** obtain a physicians order for a titer/serological testing. If you obtain a titer you must have a copy of the lab results.

**Varicella:** A positive Varicella titer/serological testing or two doses of the Varicella vaccine will be acceptable. Varicella is given at least 4-8 weeks apart. Having the chickenpox as a child will not waive this requirement.

**Note of interest:**

Many times the doctor's office and clinics can be expensive. The **approximate** cost of your health requirements can potentially range \$400 - \$600. The price varies depending on the amount of vaccinations needed.

Immunizations can be obtained at the following agencies at a reasonable cost (by appointment only). Please check around and get the best prices, especially if immunizations aren't covered by your insurance:

LaSalle County Health Department  
717 Etna Road  
Ottawa, IL (815) 433-3366

Bureau County Health Department  
526 Bureau Valley Parkway  
Princeton, IL (815) 872-5091

Hygienic Institute  
2970 Chartres Street  
LaSalle, IL (815) 223-0196

Please take this document with you to your appointments for clarification.

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