

Health Care Program Required Immunizations

Portland Community College Healthcare Programs adhere to individual clinical facility requirements, as well as the Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 409-030-0100-0250 requirements for Health Profession Student Clinical Training. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) requires all students in a clinical setting to have completed all required vaccinations listed below. Students will also be required to pass a criminal background check and drug screen.

The timing for when documentation for these vaccinations must be submitted varies from program to program. Please consult with an advisor on when your program(s) of interest require documentation to be submitted.

Hepatitis B vaccine:

This vaccine is administered in three doses. The first and second dose is 1 month apart. The third dose is administered 4-6 months after the second dose. If you lack documentation of your HepB vaccinations you are considered unvaccinated and should receive additional doses as identified by your healthcare provider.

MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella):

This vaccine requires two injections. This vaccine is usually received as a child. If it was not received at that time, you will be required to get 2 injections at least 3 months apart, or you can have a titer done to prove you are immune.

Tetanus Toxoid-Diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap):

You will need a one-time dose of Tdap. If the Tdap vaccination was administered over 10 years ago, you will need a Td (Tetanus) booster.

Tuberculin Skin Test (PPD) or Quantiferon Gold test or Chest X-ray:

The requirement for admission is a 2-step TB/PPD test. This entails having two separate Tuberculin Skin Tests, 1 to 3 weeks apart, or you can have a Quantiferon blood test done, or you can have a chest x-ray done. A chest x-ray is good for 10 years.

Varicella Zoster (Chicken Pox):

This vaccine requires two injections at least 1 month apart, or you can have a titer done to show you are immune.

CPR card:

The CPR card must come from an American Heart Association certified instructor (card will say American Heart Association or AHA). You must take the class that is for Healthcare Providers or BLS. The training must include CPR for adults, children and infants, as well as AED. The card must be valid for the duration of clinical experiences.

Annual Flu Shot:

Clinical sites may require students to have an annual flu shot. At the beginning of each flu season, when the vaccine becomes available, you will be required to get a flu shot.

COVID-19 vaccination:

The State of Oregon is requiring healthcare personnel and staff who work in healthcare settings to provide proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 or documentation of a medical or religious exception by October 18, 2021. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) released an updated [administrative order](#) pertaining to vaccination requirements for healthcare providers and healthcare staff to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19. Acceptable vaccines are Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson or Moderna.