

NEO A&M College
Associate Degree Nursing Program
Immunizations and Testing Required for Entry

1. **MMR**-provide documentation of two doses of the vaccine received at least a month apart or provide a copy of a positive MMR titer (blood test) lab report;
2. **Tetanus and Diphtheria (Td) or Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)**-provide documentation of one adult Tetanus-Diphtheria (Td) received within the last ten years (ALL adults who did not get Tdap vaccine as an adolescent should get one dose of Tdap. Once they have had this dose, a Td booster should be given every 10 years);
3. **Hepatitis B** series. (Hepatitis B information is included in Appendix section).
 - a. The Hepatitis B series consists of three vaccinations. You need to receive the first dose as soon as possible. The second dose needs to be completed one month after the first and the third dose must be completed six months after the first.
 - b. In lieu of the Hep B vaccine, the student must present a signed waiver of declination. See appendix A.2.
4. **Varicella (chickenpox)**-provide documentation of two doses of the vaccine received at least a month apart or provide a copy of a positive varicella titer (blood test) lab report.
5. **Influenza (Flu)**-Annual flu vaccination is required. If a student declines, a signed medical release by a healthcare provider and the declination form found in the appendix of this handbook must be completed and returned to the nursing office. During flu outbreaks, announced by the CDC (or specific dates as designated by contracted health care facilities as flu season), those who do not receive the flu vaccine and have completed the declination will be required to wear a mask throughout the clinical day in certain clinical facilities. Some clinical facilities may not allow students to attend clinical without the flu vaccination regardless of the reason for declination. NEO clinical partners may require additional paperwork.

Tuberculosis Testing

The nursing program requires administration of a TB skin test and documentation of a negative TB skin test result prior to the first day of class and annually thereafter prior to the start of each academic year. For students who have had a previous positive TB skin test result, documentation of a negative chest x-ray will be required prior to entry into the program. In the year following the documentation of a negative chest x-ray, the student will be required to complete a Tuberculosis Health Questionnaire in lieu of a repeat chest x-ray. If symptoms of tuberculosis are documented, the student will not be allowed to attend class or clinical and will be referred to the County Health Department for evaluation. The student will be allowed to return upon approval by the County Health Department