

2022-2023 PN HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All students admitted to the nursing program are required to complete the following health requirements, by August 1st.

Selected candidates are required to open a Verified Credentials account for the purpose of background check and drug screen; See Verified Credentials Account Form. All required immunization documentation will be sent to the Nursing Department Secretary to be tracked addressed as follows:

Attention: Nursing Secretary
Pratt Community College Nursing Department
348 NE SR 61
Pratt, KS 67124

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Phone: 620-450-2233
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- No requirements are allowed to expire during the academic year.
- Any requirements that are set to expire will need to be renewed by August 21st.

Hepatitis B (Hep B):

The student will be considered immune if the student can show documentation of one of the following:

- Complete Hep B vaccination series,
- Laboratory tests showing immunity (positive titers) to Hep B,
- Or signed waiver stating they have received advisement on the risk of exposure and that they have made the decision not to receive the vaccination.

Influenza:

Students are required to obtain an annual influenza vaccination when available (September-March). If the student chooses not to receive the influenza vaccination the student will be required to complete a declination form and wear a mask at all times when inside a clinical facility. Some facilities may not allow students on campus without the vaccination.

Measles, Mumps, & Rubella (MMR):

The student will be considered immune if the student can show documentation of one of the following:

- 2 MMR vaccinations,
- Or Laboratory tests showing immunity (positive titers) to measles, mumps, and rubella.

MMR vaccination cannot be given during pregnancy.

- If a student is pregnant and not considered immune to measles and rubella based on the above criteria, the student will be allowed to perform clinicals only with approval of clinical facilities and a release from the physician.

Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis):

The student will be considered immune to Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis as evidenced by receipt of a single dose of Tdap (ADACEL). Those who do not have documentation of Tdap immunization should receive a single dose of Tdap. The student will need to show proof of vaccination within the last 10 years.

Varicella (Chickenpox):

The student will be considered immune to Varicella as evidenced by one of the following: (*History of Chicken Pox is not valid proof of immunity*)

- Documentation of Varicella vaccination series (2 injections),
- Or Positive varicella titer.

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□ **TB Skin Testing:**

TB skin testing must be done annually, as evidenced by one of the following:

- A current 2-step TB test, (need to return in 7 days after first test given)
- Provide documentation of at least two current consecutive negative annual TB tests,
- Or have a negative Quantiferon/IGRA TB blood test

Students with a history of positive TB test results will be required to submit a chest x-ray report indicating negative results for TB. Chest x-rays must be repeated every five (5) years. Students with active TB will not attend class or clinical.

□ **Medical Insurance**

➤ Students are required to carry personal health insurance. Proof of current health insurance must be submitted annually.

➤ Students are responsible for all expenses related to illness and/or injury occurring in or out of the class skills/simulation, or clinical settings.

□ **Annual Physical Examination**

➤ Proof of physical examination will be completed utilizing the Nursing Program Student Nurse Health Examination form provided, which must be completed by a healthcare provider, annually.

➤ Nursing students will be required to carry or lift weight up to 50 pounds. Any nursing students with weight restrictions due to injury or pregnancy will have to be cleared by each clinical facility and obtain a written release from a healthcare provider allowing the student to complete clinicals.

□ **CPR Certification**

➤ American Heart Association **BLS – PROVIDER** Certification

➤ Or American Red Cross **BLS/CPR for Healthcare & Public Safety** required

➤ No alternatives are allowed.

Standard Rule for Immunizations

Immunization Certificate or Personal Immunization Record must include the students name and one of the following:

- Stamped with clinic information,
- On clinic letterhead,
- Be signed by a healthcare provider,
- The source of the immunization record must be provided,
- Or pharmacy receipt with pharmacy name.

Other notable information regarding immunizations

- All nursing students should be aware of the risk of exposure to Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, or Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) by direct contact of blood or other body fluid of an infected person. All nursing students are highly encouraged to obtain the Hepatitis B vaccine series. There are currently no FDA approved vaccines for Hepatitis C or HIV.

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****No facilities are requiring students and/or faculty to be vaccinated at this point in time. Current status is subject to change based on changes in COVID numbers. ****

For any questions regarding the health requirements please contact nursinginfo@prattcc.edu or 620-450-2233.