

Registered Nurse Immunization Requirements

Dear Prospective Registered Nurse student,

Participation in the clinical aspect of the Registered Nurse program at RTC requires students to provide proof of current immunization status or laboratory verification of immune status. This includes, but is not limited to Hepatitis B series, Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis), MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella), Varicella (chickenpox), annual influenza, and Tuberculosis testing as required by contract with clinical facilities and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations. These requirements may take some time to complete. The following table provides a timeline for each requirement if you do not have records of previous completion.

Hepatitis B	3 dose series consisting of the following: Dose number 1 – now Dose number 2 – one month after dose number 1 Dose number 3 – 5 months after dose number 2 It takes 6 months to complete the vaccine series Finally a positive antibody titer blood test one month after dose number 3 to confirm immunity Total timeframe 7 months
Influenza	One dose of seasonal flu vaccine
MMR – Measles, Mumps & Rubella	2 vaccines 28 days apart or proof of immunity confirmed by positive antibody titer blood test
Varicella	2 vaccines 28 days apart or proof of immunity confirmed by positive antibody titer blood test
Tdap - Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis	One dose of Tdap booster every 10 years after initial Tdap vaccine
Tuberculosis Screening	OPTION 1 - TB Skin Test - There must be documentation of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 step TB Skin test – first test now. Return to provider within 48-72 hours to have reaction read. If result is negative obtain 2nd test within 7 – 21 days (must be within 7- 21 day timeframe). Return to provider 48 to 72 hours after 2nd test (total of four trips) If the first test is positive, patient must obtain a chest X-ray showing absence of Tuberculosis. OPTION 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IGRA –TB Blood Test - (QuantiFERON TB Gold)