

Guidelines for Physical Therapist Assistant Program

1. A physical examination must be submitted prior to clinical experience and **must be repeated on an annual basis**.
2. Tuberculin Test (**must be repeated on annual basis**). Positive results may indicate a need for further medical assessment. Documentation of radiological reports (chest xray) and treatments must be submitted.

OR

Students who have identified themselves and/or presented documents that determine a previous positive TB test reaction or converter must complete the TB Surveillance Questionnaire. The TB Surveillance Questionnaire must be submitted each year thereafter while enrolled in health programs.

- a) History of Diseases such as Rubella, Rubeola, Mumps, Hepatitis, and Varicella does not document immunity. **Only laboratory results of titers will be accepted if vaccinations are not received.**
- c) Rubella (German measles) proof of immunization **x 2 or positive titer.**
- d) Rubeola (measles) proof of immunization **x 2 or positive titer.**
- e) Mumps proof of immunization **x 2 or positive titer.**
- f) Hepatitis B immunization (**series of three, must be started prior to clinical experience**) or positive titer
- g) Tdap (tetanus immunization within the last 10 years)
- h) Varicella (chicken pox) proof of immunization **x 2 or positive titer.**
- i) Influenza vaccinations must be obtained **annually** and are **mandatory**. They are generally available by September and must be obtained prior to October 31st to ensure immunity.

2. Included within the physical examination is a statement by the examining physician certifying that the applicant is free of any disease (physical or mental) which would impair their ability to perform his or her duties in a health-related field.

3. The medical results are reviewed prior to the candidate's participation in the clinical areas. An applicant or student will be required to follow-up any significant findings or discrepancies identified on the physical exam.

4. Immunizations are required for health program students. This procedure may be hazardous in the event of pregnancy. A doctor should be consulted if the immunization is necessary. Immunizations may be waived with a document signed by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner stating medical reasons. The clinical agency has the right to accept or deny a waiver request.

5. Immunizations must be current or the student will not be allowed in the clinical setting. Absences for delinquency in maintaining current immunizations will not be excused.