

Nursing Assistant Certified Vaccination Summary

All of the exemption forms mentioned in the immunization section below are located on the NAC webpage:
<https://www.tacomacc.edu/academics-programs/programs/nursing/nac/>

Tuberculosis (TB) - Screening

First option 1 Step PPD

The PPD test is completed by administration of a small amount of Tuberculin units (PPD) into the top layers of the skin of the forearm. The skin test is read in 48-72 hours after the injection to make sure it's negative.

If you complete a PPD test and have a new positive result or have a history of "positive" TB results from the BCG vaccine. You must provide the following:

- proof of chest x-ray within the past five years and;
- If your chest x-ray was over one year ago you will need an updated annual symptom check letter from your provider.

Second option – Blood Titer

The tuberculosis (TB) blood Quantiferon Gold test, also called an Interferon Gamma Release Assay or IGRA, is a way to find out if you have TB infection in your body. The TB blood test can be done instead of a PPD skin test. The IGRA needs to have been completed in the last 12 months. If results are a new positive, then it would require follow up with your provider.

Hepatitis B Immunity

To meet this requirement, you must upload a positive Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Titer or be willing to sign and submit a Hepatitis B waiver. Hepatitis B vaccinations protect you so this is not required but we feel it is important for you to become immune to Hepatitis B. Please talk to your doctor about this. It is a 3 step series and then a titer blood draw to check for immunity. (There is a new 2 dose product available, please discuss details with your provider if interested in this option).

NOTE: If your Hepatitis B titer is negative or you decline to get this titer, you will be asked to upload a Hepatitis B waiver to the NAC application.

Influenza Vaccination

To meet this requirement, you must upload proof of a seasonal influenza vaccination. The influenza season is from 8/31 to 6/30 each year. If you want to request an influenza exemption, you will need to upload a Hepatitis Vaccine Declination. If you are entering the program between 6/30 – 8/31 this vaccination is not required. You can upload a document that states that it is not influenza season.

COVID-19

Healthcare partners are requiring students to be fully vaccinated prior to participation in a clinical placement at their sites.

The most common vaccines are as follows:

- 2 dose series of Moderna or Pfizer vaccination or;
- 1 dose of Janssen.

NOTE: If you would like to ask for a COVID-19 vaccine exemption, please upload a medical or religious exemption form.

Note: Healthcare partners may require students to complete separate procedures for exemptions, and their decision of acceptance or denial of the exemption for clinical placement at their facility will be final. The college is under no obligation to identify alternative sites that will accept a student's vaccination exemption request.