

Vernon College Continuing Education

Must provide shot records upon enrollment

If you don't have your shot record, or need shots updated, see the Wichita Co. Health Dept. at 1700 Third Street. Please call Health Dept. for exact costs, 940-761-7841.

Due to the involvement of direct patient contact with potential exposure to blood or bodily fluids in educational, medical, or dental care facilities, students enrolled in health-related courses must have all the following vaccinations before enrolling in health-related higher education courses:

- **COVID-19:** Vaccines are required by clinical facilities. A refusal to receive the vaccine will prevent the student from completing the clinical portion of the class, which is required to qualify for the certification exam. Exemptions must be gained from the facility before class begins and will NOT be granted by Vernon College.
- **Tetanus-diphtheria:** One dose of a tetanus-diphtheria toxoid (Td) is required *within the last ten years*. The booster dose may be in the form of a tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis containing vaccine (Tdap).
- **Measles, Mumps, & Rubella:**
 - A. Students born on or after January 1, 1957 must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccination of two doses of a measles-containing vaccine administered since January 1, 1968 (preferably MMR vaccine).
 - B. Students born on or after January 1, 1957 must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccination of one dose of a mumps vaccine.
 - C. Students must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of one dose of rubella vaccine.
- **Hepatitis B:** Students are required to receive a complete series of Hepatitis B vaccine prior to the start of direct patient care or show serologic confirmation of immunity to Hepatitis B virus.
- **Varicella:** Students are required to have received one dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine on or after the student's first birthday. *If the first dose was administered on or after the student's thirteenth birthday, two doses of Varicella vaccine are required.*
- **TB:** within six months prior to the start of the program

Students who claim to have had the complete series of a required vaccination, but have not properly documented them, cannot participate in coursework activities involving the contact described in subsections (a) and/or (d) of this section until such time as proper documentation has been submitted and accepted.

The immunization requirements in subsections (b) and (d) of this section are not applicable to individuals who can properly demonstrate proof of serological confirmation of immunity. Vaccines for which this may be potentially demonstrated, and acceptable methods for demonstration, are found in §97.65 of this title (relating to Exceptions to Immunization Requirements (Verification of Immunity/History of Illness)). Such a student cannot participate in coursework activities involving the contact described in subsection (a) of this section until such time as proper documentation has been submitted and accepted.

Exclusions – Medical, Religious, Military: Persons submitting a signed affidavit from a licensed physician stating immunizations would be injurious to person's health (exclusion valid for one year); or from parents or legal guardians (if person is a minor) stating immunizations would conflict with the tenets of a recognized church or religious denomination of which the person is a member (exclusion not valid during times of emergency or outbreak); or persons who document to Vernon College they are currently serving on active duty with the armed forces of the United States are exempt from this requirement.

Waiver – Pregnancy: The following immunizations are required by law according to Section 2.09 of the Texas Education Code Revised effective May 16, 1999 for all students enrolled in higher education courses involved in direct patient care contact. Requirements for varicella, measles, rubella, and mumps vaccines are waived during pregnancy. Pregnancy is not a medical contraindication for administration of Tetanus/diphtheria toxoid, but it is best to delay until the second trimester. A student is required to provide a written note from physician stating they are not able to receive these vaccinations due to pregnancy. The student should also provide written documentation from their physician of any physical limitation they have for the duration of their enrollment in the course.