

Community College of Beaver County

Vaccination Requirements

Community College of Beaver County requires specific vaccinations, or serologic evidence of immunity, for its students who major in health sciences programs. Planned in conjunction with health care facilities at which students engage in clinical learning experiences, the requirements promote a safe environment for both the client who is receiving care and the student who is implementing care.

Prior to beginning the coursework of a health science program, students complete physical examination requirements, including the following vaccinations:

1. Rubella, Rubeola, and Mumps
First, the student obtains a physician's order for a blood titer. If the result of this test indicates no immunity to rubella, rubeola, and/or mumps, the physician will order the appropriate immunization.
2. Varicella
The student submits evidence of a history of contracting varicella (chicken pox) or evidence of prior vaccination. Otherwise, the student obtains a physician's order for a blood titer. If the result of this test indicates no immunity to chicken pox, the physician will order the appropriate immunization.
3. Hepatitis B
A series of three injections comprise Hepatitis B vaccination. As the injections are completed at initial dose, second dose at 1 month, and third dose at 6 months, the student submits documentation from the physician's office. If the student has a history of receiving the three injections previously, the physician orders a blood titer. If the result of this test indicates no immunity, the physician decides the course of action, which may include a repeat of the three-injection series, a booster injection, or no further attempts to produce immunity. In the last instance, the student signs a waiver acknowledging the risk of exposure to Hepatitis B in a health care profession.
4. Tetanus
The student submits documentation of vaccination for tetanus (Td) within the past 10 years. Otherwise, the physician orders the injection. It is recommended that health care professionals have one injection of the new tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) vaccine. If the student has not previously received the Tdap injection and it has been 2 years since the last tetanus (Td) vaccine, the physician should order the Tdap vaccine at this time.