

Vaccination Policy:

Valley College does not have a college-wide vaccination policy. However, the Medical Clinical Assistant program offered at all of our campuses, Practical Nursing program (offered only at the Cleveland, Ohio campus) and the Nursing Assistant (CNA) program (offered only at the WV campuses) require and/or recommend the following vaccinations or immunizations.

Medical Clinical Assistant program (MCA): Program Requirements/Recommendations

All students in the MCA program are required to show proof of TB test (PPD skin test or chest x-ray). It is suggested that the student completes this test in Tier 1. The student must have the test and the results submitted to Valley College prior to the beginning of the Tier 3 classes. The test results must with a negative reading must be received by the school prior to the start of the externship. The test date cannot expire prior to the end of the program's externship portion. If the test date expires before the student finishes the program, the student will be required to resubmit a new test result. Some sites may require proof of a 2-step PPD.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the following vaccinations and immunizations. However, since many of our externship sites require these vaccinations/immunizations, Valley College **strongly suggests** that all MCA students provide a written copy of their current vaccinations and/or immunization records obtained from their physician (or health care provider). Failing to provide this documentation may limit the availability of externship sites that the student can be placed at.

1. Proof of (a) one (1) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccination (MMR) or (b) a serum titer confirming immunity to each disease or (c) proof that the student was born prior to January 1, 1957.
2. Proof of (a) a second Measles Vaccination (may be a part of a second MMR or (b) a serum titer confirming immunity or (c) proof that the student was born prior to January 1, 1957.
3. Proof that the student has completed the Hepatitis B Vaccination series* or (b) a serum titer confirming immunity. *Hepatitis B is given in a three-part series. If the student hasn't completed the Hep B Vaccination series, the student must be able to provide proof that he/she has received the first dose of the vaccination prior to the start of their externship. Dose 2 is taken 1 month after the first dose. Dose 3 is taken six (6) months after the first dose.
4. Proof of Varicella (Chicken Pox) immunity as shown by (a) physician documented history of the disease or (b) documentation of two immunizations or (c) a serum titer confirming immunity.
5. Proof of Tetanus vaccination within the last 10 years.
6. Proof of Influenza immunization (This may be a seasonal requirement).

Externship sites do not always have the same requirements as listed above. The requirements and recommendation of the sites may be subject to change. Valley College strives to provide students with the most up-to-date requirements for externship sites at Orientation and at different checkpoints during the students' program. Any vaccinations and/or immunizations or additional clinical specific requirements are not included in the Laboratory Fees or tuition on the Enrollment Agreement and must be covered by each student. Valley College may share the results of the background check, drug screening and immunizations/vaccination records with the designated contact person at the externship site. Based on the guidelines of the site, a student may or may not be accepted at their site for Externship. Furthermore, students who do not provide proof that they have the recommended vaccinations may be required to follow different procedures while performing certain medical proficiency checkpoints.

Practical Nursing program (PN): Program Requirements/Recommendations

The student must provide a copy of written documentation from their healthcare provider that all requirements are met prior to the clinical portion of the program.

- TB (PPD): All students in the Practical Nursing program are required to provide proof of TB test (PPD skin test or chest x-ray) with a negative reading. TB tests are good for one year. If a student's TB test results expire before he or she finishes the program, the student must repeat the test.
- Proof of (a) a complete (3 injection series) Hepatitis B Vaccination or (b) a serum titer confirming immunity. Hepatitis B series: **Dose 1:** The student is strongly advised to start the series by the program's start date. The student is to show proof that he/she has initiated the series. **Dose 2:** The second injection is given one month after the first dose. **Dose 3:**



The third injection is completed six months after the first **dose**. The student must sign a **waiver** acknowledging he/she may not be fully immunized, if the Hepatitis B series is not complete.

- Proof of (a) one (1) Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccination (MMR) or (b) a serum titer confirming immunity to each disease or (c) proof that the student was born prior to January 1, 1957. AND
- Proof of (a) a second Measles Vaccination (may be a part of a second MMR) or (b) a serum titer confirming immunity or (c) proof that the student was born prior to January 1, 1957, (and/or) Proof of boosters is no immunity is shown.
- Proof of Tetanus vaccination within the last 10 years.

Recommendations: It is recommended that applicants also provide written documentation from their healthcare provider for:

- Proof of Varicella (Chicken Pox) immunity as shown by (a) physician documented history of the disease or (b) documentation of two immunizations or (c) a serum titer confirming immunity and proof of Booster if there is no immunity shown.
- Proof of Influenza immunization (This may be a seasonal requirement).

Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program Requirements/Recommendations

All applicants must provide a copy of written documentation from their healthcare provider for:

- TB (PPD): All students in the Nursing Assistant (CNA) program are required to provide proof of TB test (PPD skin test or chest x-ray) with a negative reading. Documentation of a recent TB test is required during the first week after class has started. TB tests are good for one year. If a student's TB test results expire before he or she finishes the program, the student must repeat the test.
- Proof of (a) a complete (3 injection series) Hepatitis B Vaccination or (b) a serum titer confirming immunity. Hepatitis B series- The first of this three-part series needs to be taken prior to the first day of class. The second injection is given one month after the first dose. (For your information, if the student is in the process of receiving this series, the third injection is completed six months after the first dose and is not required for clinicals.)
- Proof of (a) one (1) Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccination (MMR) or (b) a serum titer confirming immunity to each disease or (c) proof that the student was born prior to January 1, 1957. AND
- Proof of (a) a second Measles Vaccination (may be a part of a second MMR) or (b) a serum titer confirming immunity or (c) proof that the student was born prior to January 1, 1957.

Recommendations: It is recommended that applicants also provide written documentation from their healthcare provider for:

- Proof of Varicella (Chicken Pox) immunity as shown by (a) physician documented history of the disease or (b) documentation of two immunizations or (c) a serum titer confirming immunity.
- Proof of Tetanus vaccination within the last 10 years.
- Proof of Influenza immunization (This may be a seasonal requirement)