

## Nursing Program Admission Requirements

### **Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification Requirement**

All students who provide any level of patient care are required to obtain BLS certification. BLS Certification must be administered through the American Heart Association. A list of local courses available can be found at [www.cpr.heart.org](http://www.cpr.heart.org)

### **Immunization Checklist:**

All students in the Nursing programs are required to have the following immunizations completed prior to enrollment in clinical courses.

Please note, several vaccines are given in a series (multiple doses) and the entire series must be completed prior to starting clinicals.

Additionally, all vaccines must be current. Some vaccines expire or require boosters. Please follow the instructions in the checklist below to ensure your vaccine is current.

In the event a student does not have record of their immunization but knows they have had the vaccine, or if the student has had a infectious disease and does not require a vaccine, a titer can be drawn to determine if the student has immunity to the infectious disease. Students who obtain titers will need to submit the lab results that verify immunity.

- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)**
  - There are 2 doses in this series
  - Records must reflect vaccination towards all three diseases
  - Rubeola is the German version of Measles and will be accepted
- **Chickenpox (Varicella)**
  - There are 2 doses in this series
- **Hepatitis B**
  - There are 3 doses in this series
- **Seasonal Flu (Influenza)**
  - For Fall and Spring semesters (August- May) only
  - For students entering the Fall semester, the flu vaccine must be administered in the Fall and not during the previous flu season
- **Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap)**
  - Is valid for 10 years
  - We only accept Tdap, not Dtap
- **COVID-19**
  - Requires either 2 doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
  - 1 dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine
  - Boosters are currently not required. However, if clinical sites require boosters, students agree to obtaining their boosters to maintain compliance
  - Students must submit a copy of their CDC issued vaccine card as proof of vaccination for COVID-19
- **Tuberculin (TB) Skin Test**

- The skin test is a 2 step process. Results are read two days after the placement of the TB in the skin. Please allot enough time to have your test results read before applying.
- We only accept the TB Skin Test and not the Quantiferon Test
- If it is contradicted for you to have the TB Skin Test. You will be required to have your physician complete an exemption form and a Chest Xray results taken within 5 years must be submitted to demonstrate a negative TB status.

### **Background Check and Drug Screen Requirement**

Students will need to order the background check/drug screen from the [Colorado Community College System \(castlebranch.com\)](http://castlebranch.com) CastleBranch company. We will not accept results from any other company. Once you have ordered and paid for your background check and drug screen, you must make sure to go to one of the listed medical laboratories to give a urine sample for the drug screen. The cost for both of these is approximately \$68.00. Please note that positive drug screens for THC (marijuana), even for prescribed users, will result in disqualification for admissions or dismissal from the program.