

Mercer County Community College
Division of Math, Science and Health Professions
Nursing Education

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REPORT INSTRUCTIONS

The Physical Examination Report must be completed by your healthcare provider. The form must be submitted by the date indicated in your acceptance letter. **Students who do not submit this information will be unable to begin the nursing program**

Required Immunizations

- ❖ Tetanus/Diphtheria - Every student must have received a tetanus shot within the last 10 years. If you do not know your status, you **must** be immunized. We require the DTap or Tdap vaccine.
- ❖ Hepatitis B - A series of three (3) vaccinations is highly recommended for healthcare professionals. If you have completed the series, the dates need to be indicated and a blood test (titer) is required to show immunity status. If you have not begun the series, you may do so now or if you chose not to be vaccinated for Hepatitis B, you must sign a declination form.
- ❖ Flu Shot – All students are required to show proof of current flu season immunization and update to the current flu vaccine each year. Flu vaccines are available from September through June each year. No flu vaccines are available during the summer months. Proof of immunization each year must be submitted by October 15th.

Required Labs

- ❖ CBC - A complete blood count is required and must be dated within 1 year of beginning Nursing 112. A copy of the actual lab report must be included.
- ❖ Urinalysis - A urinalysis is required and must be dated within 1 year of beginning Nursing 112. A copy of the actual lab report must be included.
- ❖ Rubella, Rubeola, Varicella - Proof of immunity must be verified by a blood test (titer). A copy of the actual lab report must be included. Any student who does not demonstrate immunity must be revaccinated.
- ❖ Recent (within 30 days of date of submission) 10-panel urine drug screen. A copy of the lab report must be included.

Mantoux (PPD)

A two (2) step PPD is required for your initial health record, for those students who have not had the PPD previously. There is a 2-week waiting period between step 1 and step 2. Those who have had the PPD prior must submit proof of prior vaccination (within 6 months) and provide the most recent one step update. Copies of the PPD results must be submitted. A single step update will be required annually.

Submission of proof of a negative IGRA blood test (such as QuantiFERON-TB®) within the 12 months prior to starting NRS112 is also acceptable.

For students who have received a BCG vaccine or have a positive PPD, a chest x-ray report must be submitted.

Chest x-ray reports are good for 2 years, however, the nursing program requires annual updates. A TB Questionnaire form must be completed by the student and their Health Care Provider the year between chest x-rays.