

PALO ALTO COLLEGE

Healthcare Training Programs

Immunization & Criminal Background Check Information

IMPORTANT PROGRAM APPLICATION INFORMATION – ALL STUDENTS MUST READ!

1. **Criminal Background Check** – Students must initiate the background check process at least 5 days prior to the date your class begins. Your acceptance to the program is conditional upon successful completion of the criminal background check. Background Checks will not be accepted if they were completed more than 3 months before the start date of the program/course. The background checks are conducted by PreCheck Inc., a firm specializing in background checks for healthcare workers. To access PreCheck visit their website at www.precheck.com.

If you do not have a credit card or debit card you will be able to pay by money order when completing the background check online, please send money order made payable to “PreCheck Inc.” with a copy of the email you will receive confirming your order. Mail to PreCheck Inc., 1283 N. Post Oak Road, Houston, TX 77055. Your background check will not be started until your payment is received. If payment is made online with a credit or debit card the background check will be within 24 hours.

2. **Immunizations** – Some Healthcare Training programs require a full course of immunizations. Program applications are NOT accepted without completed immunization forms. Some vaccinations (Hepatitis B in particular) can take up to 6 months to complete the vaccination process, so prior planning is critical.

For immunization records or to receive any of the necessary shots please contact your local physician or the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District:

Main Clinic 345 W. Commerce, 78205	210.207.8894	9-3:30 M-F
Valley View 8523 Blanco, 78216	210.207.8735	9-5:30 M-F

Effective 11/01/07

No voucher required to receive free/low-cost ADULT immunizations for un- and underinsured students!!! Simply Call to make an appointment up to 2 days in advance. For more information visit:

www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/default.shtm

3. **Program Specific Requirements** – Each program may have additional application requirements (i.e. proof of current Healthcare Provider CPR; high school diploma or GED, etc...). Additional information can be found under each program/course title in our schedule at: <http://www.accd.edu/pac/htm> website.
4. For additional questions regarding any Healthcare program contact 210.486.3405.
5. ***Program applications are NOT accepted without completed immunization forms.***

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EMT-B Immunization Guidelines:

Required Immunizations:

Varicella (Chicken pox)

Proof of either:

- a physician-documented history of the disease
- documentation of two varicella immunizations
- a serum titer confirming immunity

**** Note: The varicella injection series is a four-week process.**

Hepatitis B

Proof of either:

- a complete three-injection series of hepatitis B vaccinations
- a serum titer confirming immunity

***Note: The hepatitis B injection series is a 4-6 month process.**

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)

Proof of either:

- an MMR vaccination
- a serum titer confirming immunity to each disease

***Note: Students born before Jan. 1, 1957 are exempt from the MMR requirement.**

Measles

Proof of either:

- a second measles vaccination (may be part of a second MMR)
- a serum titer confirming immunity

****Note: Students born before Jan. 1, 1957 are exempt from the measles requirement.**

****Note: There must be at least one month between the first and second MMR vaccination.**

Tetanus

Proof of tetanus vaccination within the last 10 years.

Tuberculosis (TB)

Proof of TB test (PPd skin test or chest x-ray) with a negative reading. (Test may not be more than 180 days old on the first day of class.)

Phlebotomy Immunization Guidelines

Required Immunizations:

Varicella (Chicken pox)

Proof of either:

- a physician-documented history of the disease
- documentation of two varicella immunizations
- a serum titer confirming immunity

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**** Note: The varicella injection series is a four-week process.**

Hepatitis B

Proof of either:

- a complete three-injection series of hepatitis B vaccinations
- a serum titer confirming immunity

***Note: The hepatitis B injection series is a 4-6 month process.**

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)

Proof of either:

- an MMR vaccination
- a serum titer confirming immunity to each disease

***Note: Students born before Jan. 1, 1957 are exempt from the MMR requirement.**

Measles

Proof of either:

- a second measles vaccination (may be part of a second MMR)
- a serum titer confirming immunity

****Note: Students born before Jan. 1, 1957 are exempt from the measles requirement.**

****Note: There must be at least one month between the first and second MMR vaccination.**

Tetanus

Proof of tetanus vaccination within the last 10 years.

Tuberculosis (TB)

Proof of TB test (PPd skin test or chest x-ray) with a negative reading. (Test may not be more than 180 days old on the first day of class.)

All Other Health Science Programs Immunization Guidelines

Required Immunizations:

Varicella (Chicken pox)

Proof of either:

- a physician-documented history of the disease
- documentation of two varicella immunizations
- a serum titer confirming immunity

**** Note: The varicella injection series is a four-week process.**

Hepatitis B

Proof of either:

- a complete three-injection series of hepatitis B vaccinations
- a serum titer confirming immunity

***Note: The hepatitis B injection series is a 4-6 month process.**

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)

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Proof of either:

- an MMR vaccination
- a serum titer confirming immunity to each disease

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Measles

Proof of either:

- a second measles vaccination (may be part of a second MMR)
- a serum titer confirming immunity

*****Note: Students born before Jan. 1, 1957 are exempt from the measles requirement.***

*****Note: There must be at least one month between the first and second MMR vaccination.***

Tetanus

Proof of tetanus vaccination within the last 10 years.