

Health Records Policy

Validation and documentation of required health records must be received by all students enrolled in an allied health program. **Students who fail to submit required records will not be allowed to continue in the program.** *If you have questions concerning this process, contact Tomi Sherlock at 334-556-2388.*

All students are required to have a physical examination at the student's expense. The physical examination/health requirements protect the student by identifying any potential or real health requirements protect the student by identifying any potential or real health problems that may be exacerbated by the demands of the clinical portion of the program.

Health professions are strenuous, both physically and psychologically. The student's ability to handle these demands must be established. It is also imperative that students do not expose clients or agency personnel to communicable disease, or risk their safety due to the inability to handle the physical or psychological stress of client care.

NOTE: Updates to health records such as TB or CPR may be required while a student is enrolled in the program. Any updates will be due at the beginning of the semester in which they expire. For example, a TB skin test is required annually. If it expires in March of the spring semester, the update will be due no later than the first week of class, in January.

The following are required for ALL students:

- 1. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION - A physical examination**, completed within the past year, is required for all new students. The physical must be signed by a licensed physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner. The **standardized health examination form** as required by The Alabama Community College System. New students and any student returning to an allied health program after an absence of one (1) year must submit current completed health forms.
- 2. IMMUNIZATIONS / TITERS** - It is the STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to keep all health records current. Documentation of any required updates should be submitted to the allied health secretary as soon as possible. The following are required:
 - **Tdap Vaccine**
Students entering an allied health program must provide documentation of an adult Tdap vaccine (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis). If the documented Tdap vaccine is over ten (10) years old, documentation of a Td (tetanus and diphtheria) or Tdap booster that is less than ten (10) years old is also required. An update is required every ten (10) years.
 - **TB Skin Test**
The Two-step TB Skin Test is required at the beginning of the program. This consists of one test followed by a second test 7-21 days later. The results cannot be more than four (4) weeks apart. An annual one-step TB Skin Test is required each following year and is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to provide to the allied health secretary when due. If you have had a positive TB result, submit proof of that result as well as proof of a clear chest x-ray.
 - **MMRV Titer**
A MMRV - Measles, Mumps, Rubella (German Measles), and Varicella (Chicken Pox) titer is required to enter an allied health program.
If any results are negative or non-immune, the student must sign the MMRV Waiver Form and submit it with the negative or non-immune results. The student is advised to consult with a physician regarding precautions to prevent infection.
 - **Hepatitis B**
A Hepatitis B titer is required to enter an allied health program. If the results are negative or non-immune, the student must sign the *Hepatitis B Waiver Form* to be submitted with these results. The student is advised to consult with a physician regarding precautions to prevent infection.
- 3. CONTINUING HEALTH STATUS** - It is a STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to notify the program faculty of any changes in his/her health status, i.e. pregnancy, surgery, injuries, etc. Additional examinations from a health care provider, with documentation of results, may be required by an instructor for any changes in a student's health status.
- 4. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE** - Students in an allied health program are required to purchase professional liability insurance (malpractice insurance) through the College, it is applicable each time a student enrolls in an allied health course. This fee is added to your course registration as **NUR000** and is to be paid at registration each applicable semester.
- 5. HEALTH INSURANCE** - Wallace Community College and the allied health programs do not provide health insurance coverage for students. Students are responsible for costs incurred as a result of an accident/injury in the clinical or college laboratory. This may include follow-up testing and/or treatment mandated by the program/clinical agency. Students are not entitled to any Workmen's Compensation benefits from agencies. Health insurance coverage is strongly recommended.