

Healthcare Program Required Immunizations

Portland Community College Healthcare Programs adhere to individual clinical facility requirements, as well as the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) [409-030-0100](#) and (OAR) [333-019-1010](#), which outline requirements for healthcare staff in healthcare settings. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) requires all students in a clinical setting to have completed all required vaccinations listed below. Students will also be required to pass a criminal background check and drug screen.

Hepatitis B Vaccine:

This vaccine is administered in three doses. The first and second dose is 1 month apart. The third dose is administered 4-6 months after the second dose. If you lack documentation of your HepB vaccinations you are considered unvaccinated and should receive additional doses as identified by your healthcare provider.

MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella):

This vaccine requires two injections. This vaccine is usually received as a child. If it was not received at that time, you will be required to get 2 injections at least 3 months apart, or you can have a titer done to prove you are immune.

Tetanus Toxoid-Diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap):

You will need a one-time dose of Tdap. If the Tdap vaccination was administered over 10 years ago, you will need a Td (Tetanus) booster.

Tuberculin Skin Test (PPD) or Quantiferon Gold Test or Chest X-Ray:

The requirement for admission is a 2-step TB/PPD test. This entails having two separate Tuberculin Skin Tests, 1 to 3 weeks apart, or you can have a Quantiferon blood test done, or you can have a chest x-ray done. A chest x-ray is good for 10 years.

Varicella Zoster (Chicken Pox):

This vaccine requires two injections at least 1 month apart, or you can have a titer done to show you are immune.

CPR Card:

The CPR card must come from an American Heart Association certified instructor (card will say American Heart Association or AHA). You must take the class that is for Healthcare Providers or BLS. The training must include CPR for adults, children and infants, as well as AED. The card must be valid from the term you begin the program through graduation.

Annual Flu Shot:

Clinical sites will require students to have an annual flu shot. At the beginning of each flu season, when the vaccine becomes available, you will be required to get a flu shot.

COVID-19 Vaccination:

The vaccination requirement for COVID-19 changed as of June 30, 2023: [333-019-1010 COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement for Healthcare Providers and Healthcare Staff in Healthcare Settings](#)

The following is important information about the vaccination requirements, the steps PCC will take to accommodate students unvaccinated from COVID-19, and the issues that are outside of PCC's control. This information may change over time, as this continues to be a developing situation. See page 2 for details.

Updated COVID-19 Vaccination Details:

We continue to check with our external, clinical partnering agencies around this change in requirements.

At this time, our clinical partners are in the process of updating their vaccination policies for student learners in CastleBranch and StudentMax.

PCC will make reasonable efforts to place students unvaccinated for COVID-19 in clinical/field sites that allow unvaccinated individuals with reasonable safety measures.

These efforts include:

- Contacting current clinical partners to ascertain whether the partner has updated their policy to allow unvaccinated students and if so, whether a rotation spot is available
- Consideration of alternative experiences that can substitute for clinical experience AND still meet the individual program's accreditation requirements.

If a site or alternative is unavailable, we will advise you as to your options.

Vaccinations, background checks, drug screenings and other requirements for learners at clinical sites are determined by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). In addition to these standards, clinical sites may also have additional policies and requirements for student learners.

PCC does not have full control over the clinical site matching process. PCC does not typically have the opportunity to request a particular hospital, clinic or site, nor any specific days, dates or times for the program in general or for specific students.

Additionally, PCC does not have control over the reasonable safety measures or requirements that clinical sites may adopt for unvaccinated individuals, and cannot guarantee that any clinical site will permit unvaccinated student rotations, even if the student has a medical or religious exception.

With this in mind, you may have limited locations, days or times with clinical rotation options.

Please note that PCC, as well as our clinic partners, must take reasonable safety measures and extra steps to ensure that unvaccinated healthcare providers and healthcare staff, patients and of course, our student learners are all protected from contracting and spreading disease. You are expected to comply with all safety requirements established by both PCC and by our partnering clinical sites and failure to do so could result in removal from the clinical site, disruption in progress towards completion and/or disciplinary consequences.

PCC will continue to work with you throughout your tenure as a student on considering reasonable accommodations.

If you are still interested in pursuing a healthcare and emergency profession program, upon acceptance, PCC will require you to acknowledge the following in writing:

I understand that placement at clinical rotations is an essential aspect of the program, and that PCC does not have control over either the vaccine requirements of its clinical partners or the placement of students at particular clinical sites. I understand and assume the risk that, despite PCC's reasonable efforts, I may not be eligible or receive placements that allow for students unvaccinated for COVID-19, and this may impact my ability to complete the program successfully and/or on time. Additionally, I agree to comply with PCC's reasonable safety measures and any safety measures required by our clinical partners

Medical and Religious vaccine exceptions are reviewed on a case-by-case basis with the respective academic program Pathway Dean and in cooperation with Accessible Ed and Disability Resources.