Kirkwood Community College
Long Term Care/Patient Care Academy: CNA
Health Evaluation Requirements

As a provider of care, students have a legal and ethical responsibility to make certain their health status does not jeopardize the quality of patient care. For this reason, the following will be required of students in the Patient Care Academy/Long Term Care class prior to clinical participation. All required immunizations are offered in Campus Health for a fee. Campus Health only accepts CASH OR CHECK.

1. **Health Physical:** A physical form must be completed within one year of starting the Patient Care Academy /Long Term Care class (form attached).

2. **Immunization Requirements:** Students must show official documentation in the form of a physician signature, clinic stamp, letterhead or state public health record of the following:
   - **Hepatitis B:** The hepatitis B three part series is highly recommended for all Patient Care Academy/Long Term Care students for your protection due to the potential exposure to bodily fluids. A declination form must be completed if you have not had the series or choose not to receive it.
   - **Td:** Tetanus and diphtheria booster dose required every 10 years.
   - **Tdap:** Patient Care Academy/Long Term Care students are required to obtain a 1-time dose of Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis. The Tdap is required regardless of the interval since the last Td was given.
   - **Influenza:** Proof of seasonal influenza immunization if clinic falls between October-March.

3. **Two step TB test:**
   - An initial two-step test (two separate TB tests placed and read 1-3 weeks apart) is required of all students prior to clinical participation. Documentation must include; date placed, date read, and results with health care’s signature and credentials.
   - After the initial two-step, an annual TB test will be required.
   - All TB tests administered at Kirkwood Campus Health must be read at Kirkwood Campus Health. TB tests must be read within 48-72 hours following placement. Failure to have TB test read within this time frame will result in having to have TB test repeated.
   - Individuals who have a positive TB result must show proof of a negative chest x-ray within the past two years of the positive TB test; an annual questionnaire will be required in place of future TB test.
   - T-Spot and Quantiferon Gold blood tests will be accepted in place of the TB skin test if the result is negative.

4. **Privacy and Confidentiality Statement:** Must be read and signed prior to clinical participation.

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**IMPORTANT: YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER A CLINICAL AGENCY UNTIL ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE MET AND APPROVED. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Any changes in health status must be reported to your instructor. A Healthcare Practitioner's statement may be required before a student is able to return to clinical.