

Health Screening and Immunization Policy

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| Responsible Party | Policy Committee |
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Rationale:

The Pfeiffer University Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MS-PAS) program is committed to adhere to state and federal guidelines to protect all personnel, from communicable disease infection and exposure. This policy outlines the applicable health matriculation and on-going requirements for students.

Policy:

The Pfeiffer University MS-PAS program requires that all students seeking enrollment meet the requirements identified by North Carolina State immunization laws and the Center for Disease Control immunization standards for health care professionals.

Students must submit documentation of the following prior to matriculation:

| Required | |
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| Tuberculosis (TB) baseline screening | <p>One of the following is required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QuantiFERON, -TB Gold or T-SPOT TB blood test (IGRA tests; lab reports required-the most recent test will be dated no earlier than 6 months prior to the matriculation date) <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two consecutive annual tests (the most recent test will be dated no earlier than 6 months prior to matriculation date) <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two step TB skin test administered (no less than 1 week apart but within 12 months of each other; the last tuberculin skin test must be within 6 months of the matriculation date) <p>Note: Individuals with a history of a POSITIVE TB SKIN test or IGRA blood test must submit the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification of a chest x-ray within 12 months of the start date stating no active TB AND • Proof of past positive testing (plus any treatment if implemented) AND • A current NEGATIVE/asymptomatic screening questionnaire |

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| Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) | <p>One of the following is required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 doses of live, attenuated vaccine administered at least 28 days apart: the first dose on or after age 12 months <p>OR</p> <p>The following combination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measles: two doses of live, attenuated vaccine at least 28 days apart. The first dose must be on or after the first birthday AND Mumps: two doses of live, attenuated vaccine at least 28 days apart. The first dose must be on or after the first birthday AND Rubella: one dose of live, attenuated vaccine. The first dose must be on or after the first birthday <p>OR</p> <p>An individual has been documented by serological activity (positive antibody titer) to be immune to measles, mumps and rubella</p> |
| Tetanus/diphtheria toxoid (Td/Tdap) | <p>3 doses of a tetanus/diphtheria (Td) containing vaccine, at least one of which must be tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap). Most recent booster must be within the past 10 years of the matriculation date.</p> |
| Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY) | <p>2 doses; Students who received their first dose of MenACWY on or after their 16th birthday are not required to receive a booster dose. An individual born before January 1, 2003 is not be required to receive a meningococcal conjugate vaccine</p> |
| Hepatitis B | <p>A full complete series of an approved hepatitis B series is required. The following are approved series:</p> <p>2-dose series only applies when 2 doses of Heplisav-B are administered at least 4 weeks apart OR 3-dose series Engerix-B, PreHevbrio*, or Recombivax HB at 0, 1, 6 months (minimum intervals: dose 1 to dose 2 = 4 weeks; dose 2 to dose 3 = 8 weeks; dose 1 to dose 3 = 16 weeks) OR 3-dose series HepA-HepB (Twinrix) at 0, 1, 6 months (minimum intervals: dose 1 to dose 2 = 4 weeks; dose 2 to dose 3 = 5 months) OR 4-dose series HepA-HepB (Twinrix) accelerated schedule of 3 doses at 0, 7, and 21–30 days, followed by a booster dose at 12 months</p> |
| Varicella | <p>One of the following is required:</p> <p>2 doses administered at least 28 days apart. The first dose administered on or after the first birthday OR Documented by serological activity (positive antibody titer) to be immune OR Documentation from a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant verifying history of varicella disease. The documentation must include the name of the individual with a history of varicella disease, the approximate date or age of infection, and a healthcare provider signature OR If you were born before April 1, 2001, you are not required to receive varicella vaccine.</p> <p>Note: The requirement for the second dose of varicella vaccine does not apply to individuals who entered Kindergarten or first grade for the first time before July 1, 2015.</p> |

| Recommended | |
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| Inactivated Polio Virus (IPV) | Adults known or suspected to be unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated: administer remaining doses (1, 2, or 3 IPV doses) to complete a 3-dose primary series.* Unless there are specific reasons to believe they were not vaccinated, most adults who were born and raised in the United States can assume they were vaccinated against polio as children. *Note: Complete primary series consists of at least 3 doses of IPV or trivalent oral poliovirus vaccine (tOPV) in any combination. |
| COVID 19 (seasonally) | Recommended based on shared clinical decision making |
| Ongoing Requirements | |
| Tetanus | Required at 10-year intervals |
| Influenza (seasonally) | Required annually; influenza season is generally noted as October 1 – March 31 |
| Tuberculosis (TB) testing | One of the following is required annually for students in clinical settings. Tuberculin skin testing OR QuantiFERON Gold, IGRA, or T-spot blood test OR If history of positive results, submit a completed TB questionnaire https://www.wakeahec.org/pdf/CCEP/TB_Attestation_11_2022_FILLABLE.pdf Note: A <u>NEW</u> positive result will require a clear chest x-ray stating no active TB |

Students must also complete a baseline drug screening (with chain of custody), a health assessment which includes a medical history and physical exam, and a health attestation form.

During the clinical year the student must also meet the health requirements for the facilities in which they are rotating. Some clinical sites will require titers despite immunization.

Financial Responsibility:

Students are responsible for all costs to meet matriculation and continuing/renewal requirements.

Compliance: Students who fail to comply with and submit documentation may be dismissal from the program.

Review

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Policy Committee.

References:

CDC: Adult immunization schedule by medical condition and other indication (Addendum updated August 7, 2025), accessed October 9th, 2025 [Adult Immunization Schedule by Medical Condition and Other Indication \(Addendum updated August 7, 2025\) | Vaccines & Immunizations | CDC](#)

NCDHHS: Immunization requirements for colleges and universities, updated August 5, 2025, accessed October 9th, 2025 [Immunization Requirements for Colleges and Universities | Division of Public Health](#)

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