Joint MSPAS/MPH Student
Health and Immunization Clearance Requirements – Effective October 2014

Students must remain in compliance throughout enrollment within the program. Students who are not in compliance will be removed from classes and/or clinical rotation(s) until such time as the deficiency is corrected. No exceptions will be made.

**Please note: All documentation must be provided to Touro University California Student Health Office. Additionally, students must provide an additional copy of all documentation regarding communicable disease clearance (Forms D-F and copies of laboratory titers) to the PA program separately. **

PRE-MATRICULATION HEALTH AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS:

**History and Physical Examination Requirements**

1) **History and Physical Examination:** All students are required to have a history and physical examination prior to matriculation. The PA program only requires a physical examination prior to matriculation.

**Communicable Disease Clearance Requirements:**

Authorization for Release of Medical Information (Form F): Student must sign an Authorization for Release of Information listing the PA program as an approved entity to access your communicable disease clearance information. The aforementioned information must be made available to clinical rotation facilities, upon request. Failure to approve the release of this information will prevent the student from completing the required clinical component of the program.

1) **Communicable Disease Proof of Immunity:** Quantitative (numerical lab values) Titers within 5 years documenting immunity are required for the following communicable diseases. Note: Qualitative (Positive/Negative or Immune/Nonimmune results) titers will not be accepted.

- Measles (Rubeola) (CPT code 86765)
- Mumps (CPT 86735)
- Rubella (CPT 86762)
- Varicella (CPT 86787)
- Hepatitis B (CPT 86317)
Non immune or Inconclusive Quantitative Titers: Students are required to:

1. Repeat the vaccination series for the corresponding infectious disease
2. Repeat the Quantitative titer one (1) month after the completion of the series.

2) Communicable Disease Immunization/Vaccination Documentation: Documentation of vaccination receipt is often required for placement during clinical rotations. Therefore, clear and legible copies of your immunizations (i.e., Vaccination, shot or childhood disease record) for the following items are Mandatory, Preferred, or Recommended:

A. Mandatory:
   1. Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis) – within the past 10 years
   2. Two Step PPD- if applicable (See Tuberculosis Screening section below)

B. Preferred (if available):
   1. MMR (2 vaccinations)
   2. Hepatitis B series
   3. Varicella

C. Recommended:
   1. Hepatitis A Series
   2. Menigococcal Vaccination
   3. Flu Vaccination

3) Tuberculosis Screening: Updated MSPAS/MPH Program Tuberculosis Screening Requirements:
TB screening must remain up to date for all TUC students. TSTs (tuberculin skin tests; i.e., PPD) must be repeated annually. The ONLY exception is for students with a history of a positive TST (documentation required). Prior BCG vaccination does not excuse a student from the 2-step TST requirement.

A. Completion of TB Symptom Screening Form (Form D)
B. Documentation of TB Exposure Screening
   In accordance with CDC requirements and qualifications (www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mmwrhtml), the following forms of Tuberculosis clearance will be accepted:

   Student without prior history of a Positive TST:
   1) 2 Step TST - as defined as: Two (2) TST placed and read within 1-3 weeks

   Explanation: The purpose of a 2-step PPD is to identify people who have previously been exposed to TB (and therefore have Latent TB) but do not display an adequate
immune response to the 1st TST. If someone's 1st TST is negative, but the 2nd TST is positive, then the person is said to have Latent TB.

Students with History of BCG vaccination -without a history of a Positive TST:
1) Refer to above.
   - Per CDC guidelines, history of a BCG vaccination does not impact the screening process for latent TB unless the student has documentation of a previous positive TST.

Students with History of Positive TST (with or without the BCG vaccination):
1) Negative Chest X-Ray – within 6 months of matriculation
   OR
2) Quantiferon Gold (QFT) with documentation of initial Negative Chest X-Ray after conversion to a positive TST.
   AND
3) Documentation of treatment for Latent TB- if initiated/completed.
   - Explanation: Documentation of treatment for Latent TB is not required by Touro University California or the Joint MSPAS/MPH Program; however, many hospital organizations will not allow clearance to enter the facilities for clinical rotations without documentation of treatment. Student may choose not to be treated for Latent TB which may impact the student’s ability to obtain the required clinical rotations to complete the program.

Students with NEW Positive TST (with or without BCG vaccination)/Diagnosis of Latent TB:
1) Negative Chest X-Ray
2) Documentation of treatment for Latent TB – if initiated/completed
   - Explanation: Documentation of treatment for Latent TB is not required by Touro University California or the Joint MSPAS/MPH Program; however, many hospital organizations will not allow clearance to enter the facilities for clinical rotations without documentation of treatment. Student may choose not to be treated for Latent TB which may impact the student’s ability to obtain the required clinical rotations to complete the program.
JOINT MSPAS/MPH STUDENT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS DURING ENROLLMENT:

History and Physical Examination requirements:

1) History and Physical Examination: All students are required to have a history and physical examination prior to matriculation. Some students may be required to obtain an additional history and physical examination prior to or during clinical rotations.

Explanation: Several medical and hospital organizations require a current history and physical (within 1 calendar year of the start of the rotation) for clinical rotation clearance. Therefore, some students may be required to obtain another history and physical exam clearance during enrollment. Students choosing not to obtain a history and physical may impact their ability to obtain the required clinical rotations to complete the program.

Communicable Disease Clearance:

1) Flu Vaccination – Yearly
   • Exception – documented contraindication to vaccination
   • Explanation: Many hospital organizations require flu vaccination for clinical rotation clearance, unless there is a documented contraindication to vaccination. Therefore it is recommended that students obtain a flu vaccination the fall semester prior to the start of rotations. Students choosing not to obtain a flu vaccination may impact their ability to obtain the required clinical rotations to complete the program.

2) Tuberculosis Screening:
   Student without prior history of a Positive TST:
   1) 1 Step TST – if placed and read prior to the expiration (less than 1 year) of the student’s pre-matriculation TSTs.
      OR
   2) 2 Step TST – (as defined as: Two (2) TST placed and read within 1-3 weeks) if pre-matriculation TSTs have expired.
   Please be aware: Due to specific rotation requirements, a student may be required to obtain a TST as frequently as every three months to maintain clearance during the clinical year.

Students with history of BCG vaccination -without a Positive TST:
1) Refer to above.
   • Per CDC guidelines, history of a BCG vaccination does not impact the screening process for latent TB unless the student has documentation of a previous positive TST.

Please be aware: Due to specific rotation requirements, a student may be required to obtain a TST as frequent as every three months to maintain clearance during the clinical year.
Students with history of Positive TST (with or without the BCG vaccination):

1) Yearly completion of the TB Checklist Form
2) Chest X-Ray - within 2 month of clinical rotations
   • **Explanation:** Many hospital organizations do not accept the Quantiferon gold test as a replacement for the TST requirements and require a copy of a negative chest X-ray for clinical rotation clearance. Therefore it is recommended that students with a history of a +TST provide a copy of a Negative Chest Xray within two (2) months of the start of rotations. Students choosing not to obtain a Chest Xray may impact their ability to obtain the required clinical rotations to complete the program.
   • **Please be aware:** due to specific rotation site requirements, a student may be required to obtain a CXR every 6 months during clinical rotations.
3) Documentation of treatment for Latent TB
   • **Explanation:** Documentation of treatment for Latent TB is not required by Touro University California or the Joint MSPAS/MPH Program; however, many hospital organizations will not allow clearance to enter the facilities for clinical rotations without documentation of treatment. Student may choose not to be treated for Latent TB which may impact the student’s ability to obtain the required clinical rotations to complete the program.