As a Prairie College/Bow Valley College Practical Nurse program learner, you must fulfill certain immunization requirements as outlined by Bow Valley College Health Services prior to being able to participate in your first clinical experience. Once you have met the minimum requirements, you will be cleared to attend clinical. Please view the reverse side to view the list of immunizations that you need. It may take some time to complete all of your immunization requirements. Therefore, it is very important that you begin the following steps as soon as possible:

**Steps #1: FIND any Immunization Records you may have from the past**

Depending on where you received past immunizations or testing, you may get records from your parent/guardian, family doctor(s), Community or Public Health Centre, or from previous places of employment. Childhood and/or adult records are acceptable.

**Steps #2: MAKE an Appointment**

You will need to arrange an appointment at a local health centre to receive needed immunizations and tuberculosis screening, which may require a fee. You may also need to see a physician for blood testing and/or a chest x-ray order.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- If you have any questions about immunizations please do not hesitate to contact Lydia Nelson by email at [lydia.nelson@prairie.edu](mailto:lydia.nelson@prairie.edu) or by phone at 403-443-5511 or 1-800-661-2425.

- Please mail a copy of your immunization reports to the following address:
  
  Prairie Admissions Office  
  Box 4000  
  Three Hills, AB  
  T0M 2N0

  **OR**

  Bring copies with you to Orientation (August 29, 2017).

- Immunizations are required to participate in clinical experience. If your immunizations are not complete by your first clinical experience this will result in your inability to participate in this portion of your program and may require you to enroll in additional semesters.
REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

1. Rubella (1 documented dose or proof of immunity).

2. Mantoux (pronounced “man-too”; also known as PPD, TST or skin testing for TB) - Screening test for Tuberculosis (done within a year of the start date of your program). If you have had BCG vaccination or are over the age of 55, you will require a second Mantoux test no sooner than a week after the first but no later than 28 days of the first if the first test is negative and you have never had a baseline 2-step Mantoux test before.

3. Influenza Vaccine - Annual

RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS

1. Measles (2 documented doses or proof of immunity).

2. Mumps (**Blood test is not acceptable. You must have 2 documented doses if born after 1970 or outside of Canada/U.S. If born in Canada or the U.S. before 1970, we assume you have immunity).

3. Varicella (also known as chicken pox; Clear history of disease or documentation of age-appropriate vaccination is acceptable. If you have never had the disease or are unsure, immunity is checked with a blood test. If immunization is needed, you must have 2 doses to meet minimum requirement).

4. Hepatitis B series (If you have had the series, immunity is checked with a blood test. If series is required, you must have 2 doses to meet minimum requirement).

**A note regarding blood testing for antibodies (titre): Please do not do blood testing for Measles or Rubella if you need to receive the Mumps vaccine. The Mumps vaccine contains Measles and Rubella so you will receive the Measles and Rubella vaccine as well; therefore, the blood testing is wasteful and does not yield any useful information.

This information is being collected under the authority of Section 33 (C) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. This information will be used to fulfill clinical placement contract requirements and to update immunization records. This information is protected by the privacy provision of the FOIP Act. If you have any question about this information collecting, please contact Bow Valley College Health Services at (403) 410 – 1675, or toll free within Alberta at 1-881-428-2669, extension 1675.

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