



**PRAIRIE  
COLLEGE**

## **IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

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:

### **Step #1: FIND and Immunization Records you may have from the past**

Depending on where you receive 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.

### **Step #2: ARRANGE 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.

### **Step #3: DELIVER your Immunization Records to PRAIRIE COLLEGE**

- Please mail a copy of your immunization reports to the following address:

*Prairie Admissions  
Office Box 4000  
Three Hills, AB T0M 2N0*

- Bring additional copies of your immunization records with you to Orientation.

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 enrol in additional semesters.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

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

## **REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS:**

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

## **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).
5. Mantoux (pronounced “man-too”; also known as PPD, TST, or skin testing for TB) - Screening Move this 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.
6. Influenza Vaccine - Annual (Offered on a campus in the fall) This vaccine is not mandatory; however if there is an influenza outbreak in the facility you will not be able to continue in clinical without proof of the influenza vaccination.

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