

## **Immunizations and Titers**

Those entering the certificate Medical Assistant, AAS Medical/Laboratory Assistant, AAS Medical Laboratory Technician, AAS Medical Coding & Billing, and AAS Health Administration programs, may require documentation of proof of certain immunizations, and titers including but not limited to, HBV (Hepatitis B), MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella), Varicella, Influenza(flu), COVID, and/or Tetanus, for programmatic externship purposes.

Students entering the AAS Magnetic Resonance Imaging, AAS Diagnostic Medical Sonography, AAS Radiological Sciences, AAS Ophthalmology Technician, and AAS Surgical Technologist programs, must complete these requirements 2 months before starting the externship portion of the program:

- Titers
  - Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
  - Varicella (Chicken Pox)
  - Hepatitis B
  - If any of the titers are negative, the student must provide proof of immunizations before the submission of paperwork for hospital/clinical site clearance.
- Immunizations
  - Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (Tdap). The immunization record must be provided, immunization date must be within a period of 10 years from the last day of externship. If not, the student must provide proof of recent Tdap immunization.
  - Influenza (flu). Proof of immunization must be from the current seasonal vaccine.
  - COVID. Students must provide immunization records to the hospital website and Externship/Clinical Coordinator.

Additionally, hospitals require the student to have a negative Two-Step TB (Tuberculosis) test, in case of the test being positive, a chest X-ray must be provided with no signs of active TB. Also, as part of externship documentation requirements, the student must provide a health history from the student's physician, and provide proof of personal health insurance coverage. The Externship or Clinical Coordinator must receive validation of these requirements before the student can participate in the externship, clinical, fieldwork, or clinical practice portion of the program.

Students entering the ADN program must provide the same immunization and titer requirements before the beginning of the first term of class

\*COVID vaccine is not a mandatory requirement for students to attend didactic classes at Southwest University.