



Vaccination Policy:

Valley College does not have a college-wide vaccination policy. However, the Medical Clinical Assistant program offered at all of our campuses and the Nursing Assistant (CNA) program (offered only at WV campuses) do require and/or recommend the following vaccinations or immunizations.

Medical Clinical Assistant program (MCA):

All students in the MCA program are required to show proof of TB test (PPD skin test or chest x-ray). It is suggested that the student completes this test in Tier 1. The student must have the test and the results submitted to Valley College prior to the beginning of the Tier 3 classes. The test results must with a negative reading must be received by the school prior to the start of the externship. The test date cannot expire prior to the end of the program's externship portion. If the test date expires before the student finishes the program, the student will be required to resubmit a new test result. Some sites may require proof of a 2-step PPD.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the following vaccinations and immunizations. However, since many of our externship sites require these vaccinations/immunizations, Valley College **strongly suggests** that all MCA students provide a written copy of their current vaccinations and/or immunization records obtained from their physician (or health care provider). Failing to provide this documentation may limit the availability of externship sites that the student can be placed at.

1. Proof of (a) one (1) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccination (MMR) or (b) a serum titer confirming immunity to each disease or (c) proof that the student was born prior to January 1, 1957.
2. Proof of (a) a second Measles Vaccination (may be a part of a second MMR or (b) a serum titer confirming immunity or (c) proof that the student was born prior to January 1, 1957.
3. Proof that the student has completed the Hepatitis B Vaccination series* or (b) a serum titer confirming immunity. *Hepatitis B is given in a three-part series. If the student hasn't completed the Hep B Vaccination series, the student must be able to provide proof that he/she has received the first dose of the vaccination prior to the start of their externship. Dose 2 is taken 1 month after the first dose. Dose 3 is taken six (6) months after the first dose.
4. Proof of Varicella (Chicken Pox) immunity as shown by (a) physician documented history of the disease or (b) documentation of two immunizations or (c) a serum titer confirming immunity.
5. Proof of Tetanus vaccination within the last 10 years.
6. Proof of Influenza immunization (This may be a seasonal requirement).

Externship sites do not always have the same requirements as listed above. The requirements and recommendation of the sites may be subject to change. Valley College strives to provide students with the most up-to-date requirements for externship sites at Orientation and at different checkpoints during the students' program. Any vaccinations and/or immunizations or additional clinical specific requirements are not included in the Laboratory Fees or tuition on the Enrollment Agreement and must be covered by each student. Valley College may share the results of the background check, drug screening and immunizations/vaccination records with the designated contact person at the externship site. Based on the guidelines of the site, a student may or may not be accepted at their site for Externship. Furthermore, students who do not provide proof that they have the recommended vaccinations may be required to follow different procedures while performing certain medical proficiency checkpoints.

Personal Health/Medical Insurance: Medical Clinical Assistant (MCA) students must recognize that if they require emergency treatment for illness or injury due to needle punctures, lacerations, or contact with infectious diseases while carrying out their assignments, they will be responsible for payment for any emergency treatment rendered and any and all costs that may result from injury and/or illness. Valley College recommends that all students in the MCA program carry personal health/medical insurance. If the clinic/externship site requires that the student carry personal health/medical insurance, the student is responsible for the cost of that insurance.



Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program Requirements/Recommendations

All applicants must provide a copy of written documentation from their healthcare provider for:

- TB (PPD): All students in the Nursing Assistant (CNA) program are required to provide proof of TB test (PPD skin test or chest x-ray) with a negative reading. Documentation of a recent TB test is required during the first week after class has started. TB tests are good for one year. If a student's TB test results expire before he or she finishes the program, the student must repeat the test.
- Proof of (a) a complete (3 injection series) Hepatitis B Vaccination or (b) a serum titer confirming immunity. Hepatitis B series- The first of this three-part series needs to be taken prior to the first day of class. The second injection is given one month after the first dose. (For your information, if the student is in the process of receiving this series, the third injection is completed six months after the first dose and is not required for clinicals.)
- Proof of (a) one (1) Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccination (MMR) or (b) a serum titer confirming immunity to each disease or (c) proof that the student was born prior to January 1, 1957. AND
- Proof of (a) a second Measles Vaccination (may be a part of a second MMR) or (b) a serum titer confirming immunity or (c) proof that the student was born prior to January 1, 1957.

Recommendations: It is recommended that applicants also provide written documentation from their healthcare provider for:

- Proof of Varicella (Chicken Pox) immunity as shown by (a) physician documented history of the disease or (b) documentation of two immunizations or (c) a serum titer confirming immunity.
- Proof of Tetanus vaccination within the last 10 years.
- Proof of Influenza immunization (This may be a seasonal requirement)

Personal Health/Medical Insurance: Nursing Assistant (CNA) students must recognize that if they require emergency treatment for illness or injury while carrying out their assignments, they will be responsible for payment for any emergency treatment rendered and any and all costs that may result from injury and/or illness. Valley College recommends that all students in the Nursing Assistant (CNA) program carry personal health/medical insurance. If the clinic site requires that the student carry personal health/medical insurance, the student is responsible for the cost of that insurance.