

**Division of Physical Therapy
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**REQUIREMENTS FOR CLINICAL ROTATIONS
DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

Clinical sites require detailed documentation of student vaccination and/or disease history prior to beginning a rotation at their facility. The Student Health Service provides these procedures during the regular semester for reasonable fees. It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of these requirements, and supply documentation as required by the facility. An explanation of the immunization and infection control requirements is given below.

IMMUNIZATIONS:

Students born in 1957 or later and 18 years of age or older (Students born before 1957 should consult with Campus Health Service for variations in immunization requirements):

- 3 DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) or Td (Tetanus, Diphtheria) doses; one Tdap booster following the primary series must have been within the past 10 years. Td booster does not satisfy the booster requirement.
- 2 Measles (Rubeola), 1 Mumps, 1 Rubella (2MMR doses meet this requirement).
- Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) 2-step required upon admission, and a 1-step annually thereafter. Students with a positive TST are required to have a chest x-ray and consult with Student Health Services for further evaluation and counseling. Any student who feels he/she has been exposed to TB during the year is also encouraged to have an additional skin test performed at that time. If a student has had TB in the past, written verification of appropriate treatment is required. The student is required to complete a form available from Student Health annually, which monitors potential symptoms of this disease. The presence of symptoms may necessitate an additional chest X-ray. ***** It is best to wait for TST testing until you arrive on campus to ensure testing is completed in the window of time required for the first clinical rotation. *****
- Varicella (Chicken pox), series of two doses, or immunity by positive blood titer is required. We do NOT accept medically documented evidence of disease.
- Hepatitis B series, proof of Hepatitis B vaccination (series of 3 doses) and a positive titer, or proof of current participation in the vaccination process is required. Students who have a (-) titer are required to follow-up with Campus Health Service for further evaluation.

TRAINING

During each year of the Master of Physical Therapy program, students will be required to complete training programs in accordance with federal laws related to:

- TB and infection control
- Respiratory protection for TB
- General safety
- Blood Borne Pathogen exposure
- HIPAA laws and confidentiality

HEALTH INSURANCE

UNC requires all students maintain their own health insurance during clinical rotations. The University also now has a mandatory health insurance requirement. If you cannot prove that you have valid health insurance, you will be charged a health insurance fee. You must also provide a copy of your insurance card to the Division of Physical Therapy prior to each clinical rotation.

CPR CERTIFICATION

Documentation of CPR training is required. American Heart Association or American Red Cross certifications are both acceptable. A photocopy of a current CPR card or the class roster is adequate to verify certification. Students must be certified throughout each of the clinical rotations. UNC requires basic adult CPR, some clinical sites also require infant, child and choking. Check with local health care facilities, and chapters of the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross for courses.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

You will be required to have a criminal history database check upon admission to the program, and annually thereafter. The check will be done in each state in which you have lived in the past 7 yrs or back to the age of 18. The cost of the criminal history checks will be the responsibility of the student. A history of certain criminal offenses may prohibit your ability to completed clinical requirements of the program. Please see ACCE with any questions or concerns.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Some sites also have special requirements including physical exam, drug screen, additional immunizations, or Tuberculin skin test (TST) with more frequency than once per year. You will be informed of these additional requirements before the beginning of your clinical rotation. Cost associated with these services may be your responsibility.

MANAGEMENT OF STUDENT INFORMATION

The Division of Physical Therapy will keep a checklist of students' immunization and infection control requirements. The immunization and infection control requirements checklist will be sent to clinical facilities prior to rotations with a copy of immunization documentation from the Campus Health Services, documentation of required training programs, a photocopy of a CPR training card, and a photocopy of health insurance card or policy. Information regarding criminal history will be maintained by the Office of Student Services at the Department of Allied Health Sciences. The ACCE of the Division of Physical Therapy will have access to all information. Clinical sites will be provided criminal histories upon request. In addition, and positive findings on criminal background checks will be reported to all clinical sites where the student has rotations. Students are responsible for meeting all the requirements and getting the proper documentation to the Division of Physical Therapy at a deadline set by the ACCE.