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. UNC Campus Health Services 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 to the program as required. If a clinical site has additional requirements, it is the responsibility of the student to complete these requirements in a timely fashion prior to the clinical and to provide the documentation to the clinical site. An explanation of the standard immunization and infection control requirements is given below.

IMMUNIZATIONS  
HTTPS://CAMPUSHEALTH.UNC.EDU/SERVICES/IMMUNIZATIONS/HEALTH-SCIENCE-STUDENTS-IMMUNIZATIONS

*Students born before 1957 should consult with Campus Health Services for variations in immunization requirements.

Students born in 1957 or later and 18 years of age or older:

- Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis: 3 DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis), Td (tetanus, diphtheria), or Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) doses (this fulfills the primary series requirement); 1 booster dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine after completion of the primary series. A booster dose is required every 10 years. If you received a Tdap PRIOR to the age of 18, you will also need a Tdap booster even if your last booster dose was within the past 10 years of the initial vaccination series.
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella: 2 Measles (rubeola), 2 Mumps, 1 Rubella doses (2MMR doses meet this requirement) OR positive titers.
- Tuberculin Skin Test (TST): 2-step TST required upon admission or 1 TB blood test (e.g. QFT or Tspot); 1-step TST or TB blood test is required annually thereafter. Students with a positive TST are required to consult with Campus Health Services for further evaluation and counseling. Campus Health Services will decide if a chest x-ray is warranted and will require an annual system review. 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 Campus Health Services 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): 2 dose series of varicella vaccine OR immunity by positive titer. An affidavit of having the disease is not accepted.
- Hepatitis B: 3 dose series AND a positive Hepatitis B titer. Students who have a negative titer are required to follow-up with Campus Health Services for further evaluation.
- Influenza vaccine: Required annually and must be administered for the current flu season.

TRAINING
During each year of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, students will be required to complete training programs in accordance with federal laws related to HIPAA and OSHA Certification. These requirements will be completed through UNC’s Health Care system called Citrix. Through Citrix you will be given access to LMS Modules in order to meet the HIPAA and OSHA guidelines. The following trainings must be completed:

- Confidentiality, privacy and information security
- Infection Control for Health Care Professionals
- Protecting yourself from Bloodborne Pathogens
- Preventing the spread of Tuberculosis
- Emergency Preparedness
- Fire Safety
- 2017 Compliance and Code of Conduct
- Health Care System Mandatory Annual – 2018 Incident Reporting, Hazard Communication and Safety (*date subject to change each year)

**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 current, valid insurance card annually prior to each clinical rotation.

**CPR CERTIFICATION**

Documentation of CPR training is required. American Heart Association certifications are acceptable. A photocopy of a current, signed CPR card is adequate to verify certification. Students must be certified throughout the duration of each of the clinical rotations. UNC requires basic adult CPR, but some clinical sites also require infant, child and choking modules. Check with local health care facilities and chapters of the American Heart Association 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 years or back to the age of 18 years. The cost of the criminal history checks will be the responsibility of the student. Additionally, some clinical sites may require additional screens or more recent criminal background checks which are also the financial responsibility of the student. A history of certain criminal offenses may prohibit your ability to complete the clinical requirements of the program. Please see the Director of Clinical Education with any questions or concerns.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

Some sites also have special requirements including physical exam, drug screen, additional immunizations, additional criminal background checks, 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 will be the student’s responsibility.

**MANAGEMENT OF STUDENT INFORMATION**
The Director of Clinical Education of the Division of Physical Therapy will have access to all information. Management of student information will be completed by the online system, CastleBranch. The one-time cost of utilizing this management system is the responsibility of the student. It is the responsibility of the student to upload all required documentation into the CastleBranch system. CastleBranch will also be utilized for completion of criminal background checks and coordination of any necessary drug screens. CastleBranch will then maintain student records indefinitely and the student will be able to access these documents as needed.

Prior to clinical rotations, the Division of Physical Therapy faculty or staff will send to the student’s clinical site a CastleBranch immunization document consisting of: immunization documentation, required training documentation, a copy of the student’s CPR training card, and a copy of the student’s health insurance card. Students will be required to disseminate their criminal background report upon request by the individual clinical site. In addition, any positive findings on criminal background checks must be reported to all clinical sites where the student has clinical rotations. If a clinical site requires a drug screen, it is the responsibility of the student to disseminate the drug screen results to the clinical site.

Please contact the Director of Clinical Education with any questions.