



Immunization Policy

I. Purpose:

The following policy has been developed and adopted for Compass Career College to be in compliance with Louisiana State Laws regarding Immunization requirements for admission to college.

II. Policy:

Louisiana Law requires immunizations against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella for all students born after 1956. A DTaP is required of all students regardless of age. In 2006 Louisiana State Legislature enacted revised statute (RS 17:17.1) which requires all 1st time freshmen provide proof of immunization against meningococcal meningitis.

Compass Career College has reviewed the state requirements and determined that it is in the best interest of the student to require the following of all applicants:

- a) TB (Tuberculosis) Skin Test
- b) MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) 2 injection vaccine
- c) History of varicella (chicken pox) or evidence of varicella vaccine with titer to indicate adequate vaccine received
- d) Childhood polio vaccine
- e) Tetanus/Diphtheria injection within last 10 years
- f) Hepatitis vaccine series with titer to indicate adequate vaccine received.

Any student choosing not to have the required immunizations for religious, medical, or personal reasons must sign a waiver to that effect. Tuberculosis (TB) skin test determines if a person either has, or is a carrier of, Tuberculosis and may not be waived if an individual will come in contact with the general public.

III. Proof of Immunization.

1) If you were born after 1956, you should furnish proof of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) by providing:

- a. Proof of TWO immunizations for measles or positive titers (must include copy of lab results within five years. Minimum of 4 weeks between doses. 1st dose given after 1st birthday.

2) All students should furnish proof of one tetanus/diphtheria (T/D) immunization within the last 10 years.

3) All students should furnish proof of 2 doses of Varicella Vaccine or history of disease or positive titer.

- 4) All students should provide proof of PPD/Mantoux or Interferon-gamma release assay tests (IGRA). If an IGRA, the results must be in mm of induration within 3 months of start of program and a copy of IGRA report sent to the school. If student cannot take PPD, they should send copy of Chest X-ray report.
- 5) All students should provide proof of Primary Polio Series
- 6) Hepatitis B 3 dose series or positive titer (Optional)
- 7) Your proof of immunizations must be a signed record from a physician, public health clinic, or other health care provider giving:
 1. the dates of immunization or
 2. the dates of occurrence of disease or
 3. the date and results of a serologic test proving immunity.

IV. Waiver from Immunization Requirement

A student may request a waiver to exempt themselves from required immunizations based on religious beliefs or medical/personal reasons. If a student claims exemption for medical or personal reasons, they may be excluded from campus and/or classes in the event of an outbreak of measles, mumps, or rubella. They may not be allowed to return to school until the outbreak is over or until they submit proof of immunization. The student may be excluded from clinical and or externship if the above immunizations are required and they have elected not to have them. All clinical and/or externship requirements must be satisfied to complete a program. The student will be required to submit documentation from a licensed physician if they choose to waiver for medical reasons.