Clinical Clearance

BSN Students are required to obtain clinical clearance prior to direct patient contact and scheduled clinical hours.

Clinical clearance requires written documentation provided by the student to the BSN Program Coordinator via the online BSN Orientation and ImmuniTrax.

Students are expected to demonstrate Clinical Requirement Clearance for the ENTIRE semester prior to the first day of class for each academic semester and by the due date assigned by BSN Program Coordinator.

Clinical Assignments will be forwarded via MavMail as soon as they become available.

Clinical Clearance includes:

a. **MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella) Requirements**
   - Dates of two (2) immunizations at least one month apart OR
   - Immune titers for the mumps, measles, and rubella (lab report required)

b. **Varicella (Chicken Pox) Requirements**
   - Date of two (2) Varicella immunizations at least one month apart OR
   - Immune titer

c. **Hepatitis A Vaccine Requirements**
   - Series of two (2) injections, at least 6 months apart OR
   - Immune titer

d. **Hepatitis B Vaccine Requirements**
   - Three (3) dose series completed in six (6) months (dose #1 now; #2 in 1 month; #3 approximately five (5) months after #2) followed by immune titer 4-6 weeks after last dose OR
   - Results of Hepatitis B Surface Antibody titer that demonstrates immunity achieved

e. **TB testing – Annual Testing Required**
   - All testing must take place in the United States at a licensed medical facility.
   - Either a TB two-step skin or blood test is acceptable if no previous positive results and the following criteria is met:

   a. **TB Skin Test (TST)**
      A TB skin test (TST) two-step may be obtained if you:
      - were born or lived in a country with low incidence of TB (includes the U.S., Canada, Europe and Australia) and have never had a positive TB skin test
      - do not meet any of the criteria listed for a blood test for TB (see below)

      Results for both tests must include:
      1. date placed
      2. date read
      3. reading (mm of induration)
      4. interpretation (negative or positive)

   b. **Blood Test**
      A blood test (includes QuantiFERON or T-Spot) for TB screening is required if you:
have had a positive TB skin test in the past and have not taken antibiotics or if antibiotics were taken for less than a month; and/or
- were born or lived in a country with a high incidence of TB (includes Mexico and most countries in Central America, South America, Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa); and/or
- have had BCG (Bacille Calmette-Guerin) immunization; and/or
- have/had cancer, leukemia, diabetes, kidney disease, HIV/AIDS; and/or
- take an immunosuppressive medication such as prednisone; and/or
- have a history of drug or alcohol abuse; and/or
- have been told you have/had an atypical mycobacteria infection.

c. **Chest X-Ray**
A Chest X-Ray for TB screening is required:
Documentation is required if results are positive (from skin or blood test) (previously or currently). Documentation must include:
1. TB skin test provided the positive results, you can submit either a blood test or a chest x-ray report
2. blood test provided the positive results, you need to submit a chest x-ray report

OR if you have a:
1. history of a positive TB skin test and took antibiotics for one month or more
2. positive or indeterminate/borderline TB blood test

g. **Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis Booster Requirements**
- Date of a Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis immunization (Tdap) within the last 10 years

h. **CPR: American Heart Association**: BLS & AED Provider (AHA required) and valid through entire JR1 term.
i. **Negative Drug Screen**: Drug screen must be requested within mandated time frame – see Acceptance letter for details
j. **Criminal Background Check from Group1**
k. **Criminal Background Check from TX BON** - Blue card OR declaratory order from TX BON
l. **Proof of current health insurance coverage annually**

Students are expected to provide a signed release of clinical requirement documentation to requesting clinical facilities.
Required Supplies

You must purchase a Dual Head Stethoscope.

You will be required to purchase a nurse kit that is pre-packaged with other needed supplies. Details about ordering will be provided in the Blackboard orientation.

Current UTA undergraduate student uniforms are navy blue scrubs with a UTA insignia patch sewn on the left upper sleeve of scrub top, but some clinical sites may require modification to official uniform. Clinical sites have the final say on student uniforms. White long or short sleeved turtleneck or crew neck T-shirts without logos or advertisements may be worn under scrub shirts. A thigh-length white lab coat with a UTA insignia patch sewn on the left upper sleeve may be worn with the scrubs, but is not required. Shoes are to be closed toe, closed heel, clean, and in good repair. Shoes must be made of a material that will not absorb bio-hazardous materials and that can be cleaned. Therefore, they must be black or white, leather or rubber. Hose/socks (that come above the ankle) are required, and socks must be the same color as shoes. Clog type shoes with open heels are prohibited for safety concerns.

Students must also have access to computer with reliable internet connection. Laptop with Wi-Fi capability may be required at some clinical sites.