

**Odessa College Continuing Education Immunization Policy
for the following Health Career Programs:
Certified Nurse Aide, Dental Assistant, Medication Aide, Pharmacy Technician, &
Phlebotomy Technician**

To protect our student's health and the health of patients, OC Continuing Education has implemented a system of required immunizations for all healthcare students in direct patient contact. Students must have the following immunizations prior to registering for any of the programs listed above. Students will be immediately withdrawn, with no refund issued, if found to have falsified information.

- Hepatitis B (series of 3 shots) – entire series or positive titer* must be completed prior to registration
 - Certified Nurse Aide students ONLY are required to have a titer drawn if the third Hepatitis B shot is within two months of the program start date
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) – born before 1957- one dose or positive titer* is required, born in or after 1957- two doses one month apart or positive titer*
 - OR INDIVIDUALLY-
 - Measles – born in or after 1957- two doses one month apart administered since January 1, 1968 or positive titer* is required
 - Mumps – born in or after 1957- one dose or positive titer* is required
 - Rubella – one dose or positive titer* is required
- Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) – one dose within the past ten years is required
- Tuberculin Skin Test (TB) – negative reading within twelve months of course completion date or chest x-ray within the last two years is required
- Varicella (Chicken Pox) – two doses unless first dose is prior to age thirteen, report of a positive titer*, or documented date of illness is required
- Influenza Vaccine – one dose within the past year is ONLY required for the following programs: Certified Nurse Aide, Pharmacy Technician, and Phlebotomy Technician

*A titer refers to the amount of antibodies found in a patient's blood. Antibody titers can indicate immunities to diseases.

Immunization fees are the responsibility of the student. Student must submit acceptable documentation that shows