

Tyler Junior College

Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

Admission Immunization Requirements for Students

Required Immunizations

The State of Texas SB 1107 requires students to show proof of immunization for **bacterial meningitis** prior to enrollment.

- Details and exceptions can be found in the admissions section of the online catalog:
www.tjc.edu/catalog

The Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 97, Subchapter B, Rule 97.64 states:
Students enrolled in health-related courses which will involve direct patient contact with potential exposure to blood or bodily fluids in educational, medical, or dental care facilities must provide documentation of the following immunizations or serologic immunity before they may engage in patient care activities.

- 1) Tetanus-diphtheria. One dose of a tetanus-diphtheria toxoid (Td) is required within the last ten years. The booster dose may be in the form of a tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis containing vaccine (Tdap)
- 2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccines.
 - a. Students born on or after January 1, 1957, must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccination of two doses of a measles-containing vaccine administered since January 1, 1968 (preferably MMR vaccine).
 - b. Students born on or after January 1, 1957, must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccination of one dose of a mumps vaccine.
 - c. Students must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of one dose of rubella vaccine.
- 3) Varicella Vaccine. Students are required to have received one dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine on or after the student's first birthday or, if the first dose was administered on or after the student's thirteenth birthday, two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine are required.
- 4) Hepatitis B Vaccine. Students are required to receive a complete series of hepatitis B vaccine prior to the start of direct patient care or show serologic confirmation of immunity to hepatitis B virus.

****The Hepatitis B series requires 4-6 months to complete and must be done by the beginning of the second semester of the program. Students should begin the process as soon as they are accepted in to the OTA program.** Students will be required to provide documentation of immunization prior to starting fieldwork.

Students admitted to the OTA program may use the TJC Campus Clinic to obtain the necessary physical exam and immunizations. The clinic is located on the second floor of the Rogers Nursing and Health Sciences Center. Students must provide their letter of acceptance into the program, school ID and immunization record.