

Health Requirements for Medical Assisting Students

Medical Assisting Program students will receive the Health/Physical Exam Record packet at the time of registration for the initial MDAS course. The health requirements must be completed by the third week of the semester. If not completed, the student will be removed from clinical practice and possibly from the Medical Assisting program. Contact the Division of Allied Health & Nursing (440-366-4015), if you have any questions regarding the following requirements.

The **AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION HEALTHCARE PROVIDER COURSE** is the *only* Basic Life Support course accepted by the Division of Allied Health & Nursing. Medical Assisting students must complete an American Heart Association Healthcare Provider Course before beginning the clinical portion of a program or be enrolled in HLED 153 (First Aid and Safety) concurrently.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS (Documentation must be submitted with the health form.)

- **Diphtheria/Tetanus booster** must have been received within the past ten (10) years.
- **MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) Immunity.** Provide evidence of immunity by one of the following:
 1. Documentation of current MMR immunization, or
 2. Documentation of two MMR immunizations, or
 3. Provide copies of Rubella, Rubeola, and Mumps **IgG titer** lab reports indicating immunity.

NOTE: Students born prior to January 1, 1957 are presumed to have MMR immunity.
- **Varicella (Chicken Pox) Immunity.** Provide evidence of immunity by one of the following:
 1. Documentation of Varicella immunization, or
 2. Physician's signature on the health form in the space provided documenting a reliable history of the disease.
 3. Provide copy of Varicella **IgG titer** lab report indicating immunity.

REQUIRED TUBERCULOSIS TESTING: A Two-Step Mantoux is required. This requires two tests and two negative readings **within** a 21 day period. Students who have tested positive in the past must submit a copy of a recent tuberculosis evaluation or copy of a recent chest x-ray report. The Lorain County Tuberculosis Clinic (440-322-8818) offers TB testing free of charge to county residents and for a small fee to others. *Please note that the Two-Step Mantoux testing can take up to 21 days to complete.*

RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS:

Hepatitis B Series is **recommended** for Medical Assisting students. Students must provide documentation of doses already administered or sign the Vaccine Refused waiver on the health form.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: It is important for the College to know if a student's health would prevent safe clinical performance. If the physician feels there is a condition that could affect a student's clinical performance, the physician is required to document that condition. A pregnant should obtain a written release from her physician citing the ability to lift and safely participate in clinical practice.

MEDICAL EXPENSE WAIVER: Students are required to sign the Medical Expense Waiver which verifies that the student understands that they are responsible for any medical expenses incurred during training at LCCC or the clinical agency.