

# CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALS PROGRAMS FAQ's



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## DO I NEED A PHYSICAL EXAM AND PROOF OF VACCINES?

All students participating in a clinical component of the program must submit a health examination form completed by a physician/nurse practitioner/physician's assistant with immunization history including verification through blood work. No student will be admitted with a disqualifying result or failure to meet the specified deadline.

### **Immunization Requirement:**

Students in any health career program are required to have the following immunizations or titers to enter programs: Annual TB testing, documentation of Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Hepatitis B and annual flu vaccine or titers showing immunity for the listed diseases. Declination statements for religious and medical reasons, **are not honored** by many of our Clinical Facility Partners (hospital systems, nursing homes, care facilities, etc). Students are not employees and have neither employee benefits nor access through employee health at those facilities. To assure that patients are protected, these facilities have very strict restrictions. As guests, HACC must abide by the rules of the facility.

Clinical affiliates MAY require the COVID vaccination and do not accept waivers to any vaccination from a student since we are considered guests in their facilities. If you choose not to be vaccinated, HACC may not be able to place you in a clinical rotation which would prevent you from completing the program. HACC currently does not require students to be vaccinated against COVID. It is the decision of the clinical sites, not HACC, if immunizations are required for our students.

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## DO I NEED ANY BACKGROUND CHECKS?

All students participating in a clinical component of the program must undergo annual Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, FBI Criminal Check and State Police Criminal Record Check. No student will be admitted with a disqualifying criminal history or child abuse clearance. Students with criminal backgrounds interested in admission into the clinical portion of any health career program at HACC must follow the Prohibitive Offense Procedure for Health Career Programs.

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## DO I NEED TO PROVIDE A DRUG AND ALCOHOL SCREEN?

All students participating in a clinical component of the program must undergo a drug and alcohol screen annually at the laboratory specified by the program on or before the stated deadline. This lab is used to protect the integrity of the results being reported. No student will be admitted or retained in the program with a disqualifying result or failure to meet the specified deadline.

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## WHEN DO I HAVE TO HAVE THESE REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED BY?

All requirements must be completed prior to the start of the clinical component of your program. It is recommended to have all components completed within the first two weeks of your course start date to avoid any delay in participating in the clinical component.

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## HOW DO I GET STARTED WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS?

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