

GROSSMONT COLLEGE SCHOOL OF NURSING

TB CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

1) INITIAL TB CLEARANCE

a) If you have **never** had a TB test OR if it has been **over 12 months** since receiving your last negative TB test, you have **two options** for initial TB clearance. TB clearance is required even if you have had prior BCG inoculation.

1. A baseline "Two-Step" TB skin test (PPD)

- i. The dates "tested" and "read" with results reported in "mm" induration must be included for all skin tests.
- ii. A two-step series will take a minimum of 9 days to complete from the step-one "test" date to the step-two "read" date.

OR

2. A blood test for TB (Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) test such as QuantiFERON-TB Gold). This test will take the place of the 2-step TB skin test.

b) If you have a history of a positive TB test, or if any of your initial TB tests are positive, please refer to the section below addressing positive TB tests.

2) ANNUAL TB CLEARANCE - Your TB must be in compliance throughout each semester. It cannot expire in the middle of a semester.

a) You have two options for annual TB testing.

1. A TB skin test which needs to be done **PRIOR** to the expiration of the previous TB skin test. If the interval between the testing is greater than 364 days, the two-step must be repeated.

OR

2. A blood test for TB (Interferon-Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) test such as QuantiFERON-TB Gold). This test will take the place of the annual TB skin test.

3) POSITIVE TB TEST

a) If you previously have had a **positive** TB PPD skin test, you must provide the following:

1. The positive TB skin test report, with the induration measured in "mm". If the student cannot provide a test indicating positive results, a baseline skin test must be done.
2. Copy of the clear chest x-ray report to exclude a diagnosis of TB disease. Once you are admitted to the nursing program, you may be required to repeat the chest x-ray prior to specific clinical rotations.
3. TB Questionnaire (you can obtain a copy on the nursing website or in the admission packet). This TB Questionnaire must be done annually.

b) If a TB skin test converts from negative to positive, students may not be on campus or attend class or clinical until submitting a negative chest x-ray report, completing a TB questionnaire, and following up with the Grossmont Student Health Services office to be cleared to be on campus.

c) Medical evaluation for possible treatment of Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) is recommended for those individuals with a recent conversion to a positive TB test.

