



Immunization Policy for the Department of Physician Assistant Studies during the Professional Phase*

The King's College Department of Physician Assistant Studies requires that all students maintain immunizations as recommended by the CDC for healthcare providers (<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2017.pdf>). Therefore, all King's College PA students must have proof of immunization to the recommended CDC vaccine preventable illnesses on record at the campus' Student Health Center prior to admission to the professional phase of the program and yearly thereafter.

- Though not an immunization, students must have a Two-Step PPD (with negative results) within the last year; in addition, a negative PPD will need to be current for entire duration of the Program. This documentation OR a negative chest X-ray must be supplied to the Student Health Center.

- Although the Meningococcal (meningitis) vaccine is not required by the PA Program, IT IS required by The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for students living in college-owned and operated residence halls. Therefore, students must either provide written documentation of meningitis immunization or sign a waiver to indicate they have been informed about this disease and vaccine and have chosen not to be immunized if they are living on campus. This form is provided by student health. Otherwise, the Meningococcal vaccine is only for those that are routinely exposed to isolates of N. Meningitidis.

Facilities and hospitals often require additional immunizations and titers which students must obtain prior to starting rotations at those sites. Information regarding these additional requirements will be given to students prior to starting rotations.

Failure to comply with the Immunization Policy for the Department of Physician Assistant Studies or any additional immunizations and titers for clinical rotations will result in the inability to enter, continue with or complete the program.

All costs incurred in complying with this policy are the responsibility of the student.

*Policy subject to change at any time in order to comply with ARC-PA standards, King's College and Hospital policies. The King's College Department of PA Studies will make every attempt to notify its students of these changes in a timely manner.