

Taylor University Health Center Policy- Admission Requirements

Health-related:

Health requirements for students at Taylor University exist primarily to protect the student body as a whole from infectious disease. Secondary goals are to have medical information at hand should a student need assistance from the health service.

University Requirements:

Policy provides that Taylor University shall prevent a student from beginning classes if they have not complied with certain requirements by the beginning of the student's second academic term. These requirements apply only to students who are registered for classes on the Taylor University Campus.

Requirements are different for domestic students (those from the United States) and international students.

Requirements are as follows:

Domestic students

Domestic students must have a completed physical. The history portion must be signed and dated by the student if he or she is 18 years of age or older. If the student is less than 18 year of age, it must be signed by his or her parent or guardian.

Tuberculosis screening for the domestic student population is limited to those who are members of a high risk group, lived in a foreign country within the last 5 years or those are entering the health professions.

Students must have a booster dose of Td (Tetanus and Diphtheria) or Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis) within 10 years prior to admission. Td and Tdap are vaccines available at the health center.

Students are required to have two doses of the MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) vaccine. These doses should be given after 12 months of age and separated by at least 28 days.

The meningitis vaccine is another of the vaccines available at the health center. Students are encouraged to receive information about the meningitis vaccine and make a decision about whether they wish to receive the vaccine or not. Information regarding meningitis vaccine can be reviewed at the Center for Disease Control Website www.CDC.gov.

State law and health center policy provide for an exemption from these requirements if the student provides a signed and dated statement expressing objection on religious grounds. If a student presents such a statement, and the student is over the age of 18, the statement must be signed and dated by a parent or guardian, unless the student is emancipated. An exemption may also be granted for the following reasons; if a student presents written documentation that she is pregnant, if a student is in the process of completing a course of immunizations, or if the student submits a signed statement from a health care provider documenting a medical contraindication to an immunization.

International students

International graduate and undergraduate students must meet all the requirements listed above for domestic students. In addition, they must have an evaluation for tuberculosis within the past year. Testing will be offered as part of orientation prior to beginning classes. The fee for testing will be assigned to the student being tested.

Immunization records must be signed and dated by a health care professional and must have a legible name, address, and phone number of the source (doctor's office, school, etc.).

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