

# Immunization Requirements for Adult Students

North Carolina Law G.S. 130-A-155, enacted by the General Assembly of North Carolina, requires all students taking 2 or more daytime classes at a college/university to present proof of immunization prior to attendance. Hopefully the law will help prevent outbreaks of dangerous communicable diseases which have been a problem on some campuses in recent years and which could be prevented if students are vaccinated adequately.

**IMPORTANT: Please note that if this requirement is not met, dismissal from school (30 days from the start of school) is mandatory under the law.**

**Immunization Requirements for CCE Students taking 2 or more daytime classes (not including Saturdays):**

**3 DPT (Tetanus) shots and 2 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) shots**

## Important Information:

- One of the three Tetanus shots must have been within the last 10 years.
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccines are normally given as one shot called the MMR.
- Persons born before 1957 do not need proof of MMR shots; however, you will need to present proof of age to be exempt from MMR requirements.
- You may also bring proof of MMR immunity by obtaining a blood test (titer) from your doctor. Keep in mind that most insurance plans do not cover this test.
- NC law requires the month/day/year on all immunization documentation.
- Immunization records are not required for those students attending summer school.

Your immunization records may be acquired from the following sources: (Please note that it often takes 3-4 weeks/or longer to request/receive your records.)

### Private Physician

You will want to check with your doctor's office to see if they have record of any immunizations. Depending on your age, your pediatrician may be a good source for the records. These records are acceptable if they are properly stamped and have a doctor's signature for verification.

### Local Health Department

If you received your immunizations from a health department, they should have your records.

### High School

Immunization Records are part of North Carolina state high school transcripts. If the last high school you attended no longer has your immunization record on site, ask them to refer you to the administrative office in that district where your record may be stored. An official transcript is required.

If you attended a school in the Guilford County School System, click on the following link to learn more about how to request your Immunization Records from them: [http://www.gcsnc.com/parents/student\\_records.htm](http://www.gcsnc.com/parents/student_records.htm)

### Other College/University

If the college/university you previously attended had immunization requirements, you may request your records from their student health office. Technical schools and community colleges do not require immunization records, so they would not have your records.

### Military Service

If you served in the military, you may have gotten an MMR or Tetanus shot, so check your records. If you need to request your military shot records, keep in mind that it may take a month or more to receive them. We will help you review your records if needed.

### Have records, but not sure how to read them?

Bring your records to us. We'll be glad to look at them, so we can determine which immunizations you have had and which you may be lacking. The Student Health Center is located in the basement of Founders Hall, near the student mailbox area. We are closed in June and July, but are otherwise open Monday-Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm. Phone: 336-316-2194 or 336-316-2163; Fax: 336-316-2184.

Unable to locate your records? You will need to get one MMR shot and one Tetanus/Tdap shot immediately, followed by the second of each of these shots 30 days later.

### Where can I get my shot/s?

- Your local health department – call for an appointment to get the needed vaccinations. Be sure to ask about the cost of getting your shot/s, as the Tetanus/Tdap is often given at no cost, while the MMR is approx. \$150. Most health departments accept/file insurance but you will need to inquire regarding your specific situation. Guilford County Health Dept. 336-641-5563
- Your physician or
- An urgent medical clinic or drug store type clinic (CVS Minute Clinic, etc.)

**If you have questions, let us know. You may reach us in the office through May, and after that time, Helen Rice, the Director of Student Health will be available by email. She can be reached at [hrice@guilford.edu](mailto:hrice@guilford.edu).**

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