

- Which Immunization is required for my Nursing application done through NursingCAS?
 - Hepatitis B

- Where can I get a copy of my Immunization records?

There are multiple places you can obtain a copy of your shot record.

 - County Health Department
 - Your Doctor's Office
 - VA clinic (if applicable)
 - You could even check with your High School to see if they have a copy on file

- I have a religious waiver, can I turn that in instead?
 - No, the healthcare institution where you will be doing your clinicals will not accept a waiver in lieu of the immunizations.

- I had them done as a child, will a copy of that record work?
 - You can provide a copy of this but you are required to have a titer drawn and attach the lab results to your submission along with your HepB form.

- Can I complete the HepB form myself?
 - No, this must be completed and signed off by your healthcare provider or it will not be complete and your nursing application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.

- I had these shots as a child, why do I need the titer?
 - A titer will show if you still carry the antibodies needed to prevent infection.
 - If your titer shows that you do not still carry the antibodies, then you will have to repeat the series and the titer.

- What is a titer and why do I need one?
 - A titer is a lab test to show whether you still carry the antibodies for Hepatitis B in your system.
 - Your results will come either Positive or Reactive.
 - If it comes back Negative or Non Immune, you will need to repeat the Hep B series as you do not have enough of the antibodies in your system, therefore, you require the series of shots.

- My titer came back Negative/Non-immune. Now what do I do?
 - A Negative or Non-Immune titer result means that you no longer carry the antibodies in your system and you will need to repeat the series with your healthcare provider. This will all need to be documented with your HepB form..

- What is the difference between Negative and Non-Reactive?
 - These are the same result for this type of test.

- Do I have to have a healthcare provider sign the HepB form?
 - Yes, the provider where you receive your titer will need to complete and sign the form provided. An application not signed off by the healthcare provider will be considered incomplete and your application will not be reviewed.

- Will my application still be considered if I don't have this completed?
 - No, this step is **required**. Applications submitted without Titer results for the HepB will not be reviewed and will be considered incomplete.

- Where can I get this done?
 - Your Doctor's Office
 - LabCorp, Quest Diagnostics, etc. (any independent Lab service facility).
 - UWF Student Health Services
 - Florida Health Department

- How long does it take?
 - It can sometimes take a week or more to obtain your results, so you do not want to put this off to the last minute.

- Is it required?
 - Yes! Your nursing application will NOT be considered without this requirement.

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- Where can I find the HepB form?
 - This form is found online using the link below.
 - https://uwf.edu/media/university-of-west-florida/colleges/coh/departments/nursing/documents/Hep-B-11-17-2015_-Dr.-Strahan-Approved-1.pdf

- It's been more than a year since I had a titer, do I have to have a titer drawn again?
 - Yes, titer results need to be less than a year old.

- Should I include the information my healthcare provided with the form?
 - Yes, You will need to have your healthcare provider complete the form provided and attach a copy of the lab results of your titer.

- If accepted into the nursing program, will I have to complete the whole series before I begin?
 - If your titer result came back Positive or Reactive, then you are done. You have completed your Hepatitis B requirement.

- If your titer results came back Negative or Non-Reactive, then you will need to repeat the series and the titer to receive a Positive result.
- As long as you have started the process of receiving your new series, you may begin the program.