

Mantoux Testing

- Prior to attending clinical, every student is required by the Minnesota Department of Health to have a mantoux (pronounced Man-Toe) completed. This is a skin test that checks for tuberculosis, which is a highly contagious and difficult to treat respiratory disease. If you have had a mantoux done in the past, you may use it for this class as long as it was done within 3 months of your first clinical date.
- It is the student's responsibility to complete this skin test by the date given by the instructor. Failure to do so will result in the student being excluded from the clinical portion of the class and he/she will not receive college credit.
- This test can be completed at your personal medical clinic, at select CVS pharmacies, Public Health Nurse or other walk in clinics. The cost may be covered by your health insurance depending on your individual plan. If you do not have insurance, it is recommended that the student go to CVS pharmacy or another walk in type clinic to get this completed at your own expense. The cost ranges from \$15 to \$25.
- For the mantoux, a nurse will inject a small amount of medication under the skin on the forearm. The student will need to return to the place where it was administered in 48 to 72 hours after the injection to have it read by the nurse. The student then needs to bring in a copy of the final negative reading to class. Please note, this will take 2 trips to the clinic.
- If the mantoux is positive (a reaction occurred), the student will need to have a chest x-ray completed. The x-ray report, showing no signs of infection, needs to be brought to the instructor. If the student was born out of the country or had BCG in the past, it is likely the mantoux will be positive and an x-ray will be needed.
- A serology test is also acceptable to use to rule out tuberculosis.

Criminal Background Study

- Another requirement for the Minnesota Department of Health is that every student must complete a criminal background study prior to attending clinical.
- This criminal background check will be done in the classroom during the first few weeks of class.
- The student will be notified in advance of the date and will need to bring or know his/her **driver's license number, social security number, address, phone number and name.**
- The student needs to pass this criminal background study in order to attend clinical.
- The cost of the criminal background study is \$20.00 . This can be paid by cash or check made out to STEP.
- If the student does not complete the background study, does not pass it or does not pay for the study prior to completing the CBC, he/she will be excluded from the clinical portion of the class.
- Please direct any questions regarding these issues to the instructor.