

WISCONSIN INDIANHEAD TECHNICAL COLLEGE
DENTAL ASSISTANT
STUDENT HANDBOOK

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All DA program students will complete the Health Occupations Program Health Form and must have a physical exam prior to entry into the program. The physical exam may be obtained from a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant. This must be completed no more than ninety (90) days prior to the start of fall semester.

Immunizations and/or blood titers must be documented or completed as noted on the health form directions. Immunization records must be officially documented. Immunization status and other health assessment findings must meet the individual clinical agency's requirements.

A Mantoux test must be obtained no more than ninety (90) days prior to the start of fall semester. Parameters for the Mantoux are explained in the health form directions.

If a student has a history of a positive Mantoux test, a chest x-ray will be required. Per state public health recommendation, only one negative chest x-ray is necessary, unless there has been exposure to an active case of tuberculosis or if disease symptoms arise.

Should a student drop/withdraw from DA core courses and reenter at a later date, a physical exam must be completed within two (2) years of the time of reentry into core courses. The Mantoux must be no more than ninety (90) days old.

The completed health form and all immunization records are submitted to the DA Program Director prior to the start of core courses.

Health forms are returned to the student at graduation or upon permanent withdrawal from the DA program.

All health forms will be kept with the student records in a locked file cabinet in the Program Director's office and in an electronic format on the Program Director's computer.

Students may not participate in clinical practice if he/she has a communicable disease or if there is likelihood of transmission (such as fever, open lesions, skin infection, conjunctivitis, or acute respiratory infection). Students are expected to assume responsibility for protecting themselves and others from health and safety hazards.

Extended clinical absences may result in course failure. If the student is absent for two consecutive clinical days due to illness, the student may be asked to provide a physician's written statement that the student's health is acceptable to return to clinical.