Tuberculosis Screening Information

It is a requirement of your degree program that you complete the Queensland Health Tuberculosis Risk Assessment Form for Students prior to placement if you are a student enrolled in:

- Clinical Medicine
- Dentistry and Oral Health
- Exercise Science
- Health Services Management
- Human Services
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Occupational Therapy
- Paramedicine
- Pharmacy & Pharmacology
- Physiotherapy
- Psychology
- Speech Pathology
- Sport Development
- Social Work

The Queensland Health Tuberculosis Risk Assessment Form for Students is a self-assessment form. i.e. There are clear, self-explanatory instructions to follow to determine individual risk. If, after correctly completing the form, you are self-identified as high risk, it is expected that you will follow up and make an appointment with a Queensland Health TB Service for further appropriate testing.

- Contact details for Queensland Health TB Service

The form should be taken with you to the appointment. If you have a TB screening appointment (Mantoux test and/or chest x-ray) through the MSCTB Service at the Princess Alexandra Hospital Complex, it is free of charge - but it can take a few months to secure an appointment. You can still go on placement PRIOR to your TB screening appointment, as long as you keep your future appointment time.

**Tuberculin Skin Test (Mantoux)**

A Tuberculin Skin Test (or Mantoux test) consists of two x 30 minute appointments on two separate days that occur 48 hours apart.

- Queensland Government Department of Health Tuberculin Skin Test fact sheet

It is acceptable for students completing a placement in Queensland to have a Mantoux Test through a private pathology provider, such as QML. A QuantiFERON - TB Gold testing with a private pathology service is also acceptable. The cost for a Mantoux test through QML is paid by the student. NSW Health will only accept a QuantiFERON - TB Gold test from a private pathologist, Mantoux Tests must be through a TB Control Centre.

**Providing your Results**

You will also need to provide the date of your Mantoux test (not the result), to the Fit for Placement Office.

The University need never know the result of a student’s TST or CXR. If a student tests positive for TB, the University need never know the name of the student, only that there has been a case for contact screening purposes. However, a student with a positive test for TB is encouraged to follow up with their Program Convener for confidential discussion of self-care guidelines.

TB screening is generally considered to be a once only requirement. However, if during your placement, you knowingly come into contact with someone with TB, you should have your baseline TB status checked again.

As a future health care worker, it is your responsibility to meet TB screening obligations.

If for personal reasons you are unable to have a TB Test please complete the Non-participation in TB Assessment and Screening Form.