

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 need to provide a copy of your test results to confirm that you have attended your appointment and completed the testing. If you upload a copy of your confirmation of appointments you will also need to provide a copy of the test results once completed.

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.