

Vaccination Announcement

PCC is proud to offer exceptional health care programs that require hands-on clinical hours in local healthcare facilities such as hospitals and long-term care facilities. For students to participate in clinical experiences, students must comply with the healthcare facility health requirements in order to protect the patient populations they serve.

Students are to be advised that healthcare facilities and the [Colorado Board of Health](#) have regulatory authority to implement its own vaccine requirements. Although some places of business may recognize exemptions on the basis of medical and religious reasons, there are clinical community partners in the healthcare industry that do not recognize exemptions (medical and/or religious) based on the need to ensure the health and safety of patients and those that serve them. PCC does not control a clinic's or a prospective employer's decisions as to acceptance of immunizations/exemptions and cannot forecast whether certain clinic's vaccine requirements and decision not to allow exemptions will change. Further, if the [State Board of Health](#) implements rules that require healthcare professionals and those working in healthcare settings to have vaccines and does not allow exemptions, the College must comply with those regulations. PCC will continue to monitor the state-wide and national health governing body's recommendations which may impact clinical sites.

At this time, most facilities where students complete their clinical hours require full vaccination and students must be fully vaccinated in order to participate in the nursing program. If you have any concerns about your eligibility to participate in the nursing program due to concerns with becoming fully immunized, please contact the nursing department to discuss your options prior to applying to the program to determine if accommodations are available. The nursing program does not guarantee any accommodations and will make determinations based on current clinical partner requirements.

Clinical hours are required for successful completion of the program and cannot be waived due to immunization status. Students who are in noncompliance with medical requirements risk course failure and/or dismissal from the program.

Questions about your rights and responsibilities as a student? Please review PCC's [Student Handbook](#) for Policies and Procedures, including information on Civil Rights.