



Bismarck State College

Tuberculosis Screening for International Students

Tuberculosis continues to be a highly infectious, potentially life-threatening disease. The North Dakota State Board of Higher Education policy 506.1 requires institutions to establish procedures for tuberculosis screening of international students. All testing and screening is done at the student's expense.

BSC's procedures are as follows:

Testing Requirements:

Mantoux tuberculin skin testing will be required of all new international students as described above. This test must be performed in the United States prior to the first day of classes. The test is available at the Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health, 500 E Front Ave, Bismarck, ND 58504. Appointments are needed and can be made by calling 701-355-1540. Others entering BSC with U.S. citizenship and resident alien status are strongly encouraged to provide this proof along with their immunization record.

What to do if the Tuberculin Skin Test is Positive?

Students with a positive tuberculin skin test will be required to get a chest x-ray to determine if they have active TB disease.

Chest x-ray

Chest x-rays are available at Sanford Medical Center, CHI St. Alexius, or at Mid Dakota Clinic**

Once the chest x-ray has been read have the physician forward the written report to the BSC Admissions Office – attn: International Admissions, PO Box 5587, Bismarck, ND 58506. If additional care is required, students may contact the Bismarck- Burleigh Public Health at 701-355-1540 for follow-up treatment. International students may be required to sign a waiver giving BSC the right to contact the health facility to verify that treatment is being given. In addition, follow up treatment may be an aspect of consideration for enrollment at BSC.

Consequences of Failure to Meet Requirements:

Failure to comply with these requirements will prevent registration until such time as determination has been made of no public health risk, e.g., contagion. **The Admissions Office will place a hold preventing registration for all students who fall into the required testing categories. The hold will be removed upon completion of all testing requirements.** Students will be able to enroll when this hold is removed. It will be mandatory that the student follows the doctor's advice and take the medicine as prescribed.

**Students are required to make their own arrangements for transportation to medical facilities for testing and/or treatment. Students are also responsible for any costs not covered under the International Student Health Insurance.

*A list of high-burden counties which will require the TB screening is located within the World Health Organization Global Tuberculosis Report. BSC requires screening of all students from countries listed as high-burden.