

Tuberculosis (TB) Testing Guide

First-time Submissions for SON Onboarding: *Between Sophomore I & II semesters for NRS 206*

For the initial proof of TB, you will submit either of the following options (A, B, or C):

- A. QuantiFERON-TB Gold blood test (Q-Gold)*
One Q-Gold blood test. This must be completed between Dec. 10th and Jan. 27th.
- B. TB Skin tests*
Two TB skin tests – *two appointments 48-72 hours apart for each test (4 total!)*
- **First TB skin test:** must be completed between Sept. 1st and Jan. 20th.
 - **Second TB skin test:** must be completed between Dec. 10th and Jan. 27th. The second skin test should be done a minimum of 1 week after the first (if the first was negative). The second round reduces the chance of getting a false positive read for students new to periodic TB skin testing. [The Centers for Disease Control webpage](#) discusses this testing in detail, including the reasoning for two-step testing near the bottom of the page.
- C. If history of positive TB (currently inactive):
Three items are required for initial onboarding:
1. Clear **chest x-ray** – updated every 5 years
 2. Normal **review of symptoms** report – updated annually with provider
 3. **Positive TB test result** – can be an old document, proof of previous infection is needed

*If TB results for option A or B are positive:

Anyone with active TB may not attend professional practice experiences. Follow your provider's recommendations for treatment. Once your provider confirms that your TB status is inactive, submit documentation of a clear chest x-ray and a normal review of symptoms report from your provider. The chest x-ray must be updated every 5 years. The review of symptoms report is completed annually. For initial onboarding, you will also need to submit your initial positive TB test result.

Annual Renewal: *Completed annually well in advance of the expiration date*

Once you have completed the initial SON onboarding requirements for Professional Practice, you must maintain compliance for all expiring items, even during breaks or if you plan to be abroad when it expires. Compliance affects SON's ability to assign clinical placements or begin time-consuming clinical site onboarding, which are activities that happen during and between semesters. You must monitor your Complio account for upcoming expirations and schedule appointments well ahead of these expiration dates to allow for time to obtain records. If you fall out of compliance, you will not be able to attend on-campus or off-campus clinical experiences until compliant.

The TB requirement must be renewed annually while in the upper division BSN and graduate programs. The annual renewal test will only need to be **one** of either test-type (Q-gold blood test or PPD skin test) if results are negative. Positive results require further steps*.