San Jose State University

The Valley Foundation School of Nursing

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Subject: Tuberculosis Testing Requirements

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The required TB screening test for The Valley Foundation School of Nursing is **the Quantiferon Blood test.** This test is available in the Student Health Center and requires a blood draw.

1. The Quantiferon Gold blood test, which is the CDC's preferred test, should be done in either June/July or December/January as stated on the CASTLEBRANC STUDENT TRACKER SYSTEM (depending on when you begin your nursing program).
2. This test is currently $45 for enrolled students at the Student Health Center.
3. We will no longer accept the Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) (also known as the PPD test).
4. TB testing is done yearly so you will need to be tested going into Semester 1, 3, 5 and Bridge.
5. When submitting your TB test results, please provide a copy of the actual lab test results or the print out from the Student Health Center.
6. A typical TB result should be negative. However, some individuals will have a positive result if they have been vaccinated or have been previously exposed to TB.

If you receive a ***Positive*** TB results or have a history of ***Positive*** TB results please provide these additional documents:

1. a copy of your **Chest X-ray** results (within 1 year) and,
2. **TB Assessment form** signed by your physician or Nurse Practitioner. The symptom review form can be found on the SON website under forms.