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 that all international students that are from countries other than listed as low risk* attending BSC will be required to be tested for TB. International students will be required to sign a waiver giving BSC the right to contact the health facility to verify that treatment is being given.

**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. Cost of the Mantoux tuberculin skin test is $10.00. 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, 300 N 7th Street, Bismarck or at Mid Dakota Clinic, 9th & Rosser, Bismarck. Cost of x-ray is approximately $100.00**

Once the chest x-ray has been read and have physician forwarded the written report to the BSC Admissions Office – attn: International Student Advisor, 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.

**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 Registrar’s Office will block registration for all students who fall into the required testing categories. The block will be removed upon completion of all testing requirements. Students will be able to enroll when this block 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.**

*Countries of low risk for tuberculosis include American Samoa, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States and Virgin Island.*