



TO: Student Teachers, Graduate Interns, Field Students
FROM: Michael Kelly, Director of Field Experiences and Teacher Licensure
RE: TB Testing

The College of Education, Leadership Studies, and Counseling has been formally advised by the Virginia Department of Education Teacher Education/Professional Licensure Division that there are new regulations for the tuberculosis testing for the public schools in Virginia.

Director of the Central Virginia Health District has issued the following statement:

There have been recent changes at the Center for Disease Control regarding targeting testing for Tuberculosis Control. Testing should be done in groups in which risks for tuberculosis are substantially higher than for the general population (targeted testing). Health care providers should give tuberculin skin tests to high risk persons only. Groups that are not high risk for tuberculosis should not be tested routinely.

A change in the testing for the College of Education will be as follows:

1. Your health care provider will ask a series of questions from Form 512 – Virginia Department of Health TB Risk Assessment.
2. Based on the information you provide them, a decision will be made as to whether you fall into the high risk category.
3. If it is determined that you do not fall into the high risk category, the health care provider will sign off on the attached form that the PPD test is not indicated at this time.
4. If it is determined that you fall into the high risk category, you will be given the PPD test.
5. If indicated, you may also be asked to undergo a chest X-ray.
6. Items 4 and 5 will be documented on the attached form by the health care provider.

This form or other formal documentation is required of all students before they enter placement sites at the start of the semester

