



**Rocky Mountain
University
of Health Professions**

Dear incoming PA student,

Prior to starting your education at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions PA program, **you are required to submit results of Tuberculosis testing.** This needs to have been **completed within one year of your first day of class at RMU.** In accordance with CDC recommendations, there are two options for TB testing. Please complete one of the following.

- **TB Skin Test:** The Mantoux tuberculin skin test (TST) needs to be completed using two-step testing. Two-step testing is done because some people with latent TB infection have a negative reaction when tested years after being infected and the first TST may stimulate or boost a reaction. The first TST should be administered and interpreted using the normal protocol. A second TST must be administered 1-3 weeks after the first test is complete. Please make sure that you have two separate TB tests completed as described above. The results of both should be submitted to the program.
- **TB Blood Test:** There are two FDA-approved blood tests available in the United States. One is the QuantiFERON®–TB Gold Plus test (QFT-Plus) and the T-SPOT®.TB test (T-Spot). Either is acceptable. TB blood tests are the preferred TB test for people who have received the TB vaccine (BCG) or those who may have difficulty completing the TST skin testing.

You must have either the two-step TST or a TB blood test completed and submitted to the RMU PA program before matriculation. Please submit the results of your TB testing by the posted deadline using the provided submission method.

If you have any questions about this information, do not hesitate to reach out to pa-admin@rm.edu. Thank you!

Sincerely,

The RMU PA Program