Student Health Services

The Student Health Center is an out-patient clinic staffed by physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants which provides medical care to students enrolled in the University in accord with policies set by the Board of Trustees of the California State University. Services include the treatment of acute conditions, injuries, and illnesses.

During the academic year, the Student Health Center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and from 9:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday. The following services are available:

Acute Care Clinic
The acute care area of the Student Health Center functions as a walk-in clinic. It is designed to accommodate students who need to be seen for urgent or acute problems.

Appointments
Appointments are available for those who desire an appointment and for those who require diagnostic or consultative services beyond those available in the Acute Care Clinic. Appointments may be made in person or by telephone.

Reproductive Health Service
Comprehensive reproductive health services are available. This includes sexually transmitted illness screening and treatment, contraception, pregnancy testing and counseling, and annual gynecological examinations.

Laboratory and X-ray
Laboratory and X-ray examinations complement the out-patient clinic service. The majority of tests ordered by Student Health Service personnel are provided without charge. However, some specialized tests cannot be supported by the Student Health Service, and the cost of these tests is the student’s responsibility.

Pharmacy
Prescribed medications may be obtained at the Student Health Center. Prescriptions from outside physicians can be filled if the medication is stocked by the pharmacy. Some nonprescription health care items are also available. A nominal fee is charged to cover the cost of all items purchased at the pharmacy.

Immunization
The following immunizations are available: Hepatitis A&B, flu shots, meningitis, MMR (measles/mumps/rubella), polio, tetanus, and typhoid. Travel information available upon request. Allergy hypo sensitization shots are administered to students who provide their own antigen and appropriate documentation.

Health Insurance
Services at the Student Health Center are provided at either no cost or minimal cost during the academic year. Medical conditions which exceed the scope of the Student Health Center and require the care of outside physicians and facilities are the financial responsibility of the student. In order to provide protection against these costs, an optional low-cost health insurance plan is available.

Health Education Information
Students concerned with health-related problems are encouraged to consult with Student Health Center staff. In addition, health education literature is available in the lobby.

Services Not Available
Chiropractic services
Dental care
Eye refractions (glasses)
Injury care
Obstetrics
Physical therapy services

Health Service Fee
The University believes that comprehensive health services, as provided for in Trustees’ policy, are essential because of the residential nature of our campus. Funding for the Student Health Center, at least in part, comes from a health service fee which students pay as part of their registration fees. This fee enables the Student Health Center to provide the following services at no cost, or minimal cost, to students:

- Evaluation by a physician or nurse practitioner/physician assistant
- Laboratory tests
- Physical examinations
- X-rays
- Reproductive health services
- Specialized gynecologic services
- Allergy injections
- Immunizations
- Orthopedic supplies

Student Health Advisory Council
The Student Health Advisory Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Student Health Center. This council, consisting of students and faculty, meets regularly throughout the academic year.

Summer Care
Students who were enrolled in the spring semester and plan to return in the fall are eligible for service during the summer months. A nominal fee is charged for each summer visit.

Emergencies
The on-campus emergency number is “9-1-1.” Use this number on campus only for emergency, fire, police, or medical aid reporting. This number goes directly to the University Police Department. Use “9-1-1” from off-campus phones.

The non-emergency number for the University Police Department is 530-898-5555.

Community Medical Assistance
The Student Health Center meets most students’ medical needs. However, if health care is needed which is beyond the scope of the Student Health Center or when the clinic is closed, there are several extended-hour health clinics and one hospital within blocks of the campus.