

Student Services

AP 5200 STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Reference:

Education Code Section 76401

Student Health Services is staffed by health care professionals who are trained to assist students with medical information/issues in a confidential manner.

Student Health Services is supported by the health fee paid at the time of registration. There is no charge for students to consult/visit the office staff including the medical doctors, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and psychological counselors. There are, however, minimal fees for additional services, such as lab tests, immunizations, and prescription medications.

Pursuant to Section 76355 of the Education Code, students who can provide documentation of active membership in a religious organization that relies exclusively on prayer for healing may request to have the Health Fee waived. Applications for waiver are available in the Student Health Services Office. Students may have their health fee waived if they are approved for a Board of Governors Fee Waiver.

A student's medical records and all discussions with the student health services staff are completely confidential. Records are only released with written consent of the student, unless required by law.

The services provided by Health Services:

- Clinical Care Services -- basic primary care, health assessments, screening for short-term episodic care and services necessary for the treatment of acute illness, injuries and emergencies
- Mental Health Services -- direct and/or referral services by a registered nurse including crisis management, short-term personal counseling, alcohol/drug counseling, stress management, suicide prevention, mental health assessment and eating disorders counseling
- Laboratory Services -- provided by a licensed, contracted laboratory
- Prescriptions -- provided for what is not available through Health Services
- Community Referrals -- radiology, dental, optometric, and other services
- Health Education and Wellness Programs -- provided by registered nurses and health education personnel

- Physical Examinations -- the required pre-admission history and physical for students to enter academic programs

The Health Services facilities and environment shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal building codes and regulations.

Also refer to the catalog and class schedule.

Education Code Section 76355 authorizes community colleges to offer health supervision and services and to charge students a fee for those services. (See BP/AP 5030 titled Fees) Students who enroll for credit classes in the District pay the student health fee during Fall, Spring and Summer Sessions.

Both colleges maintain a Student Health Service designed to facilitate emergency response to limited medical care and nursing assessment for the well-being of students in ways which increase their potential for educational success. Specific services may include personal counseling, limited medical treatment, contraceptive counseling, and screening procedures for blood pressure, vision, pregnancy, hearing, and tuberculosis. The Health Services offer optional Illness/Accident and Dental/Vision Insurance Plans at nominal cost to all registered students. Health education materials and referrals to community health resources are available daily.

Health Services may carry out special programs such as health education, blood drives, weight reduction, smoking cessation, and stress management workshops as well as various screenings and consultations.

Any currently enrolled student may use the colleges' Student Health Services. While students in non-credit programs, such as community education programs do not pay health fees, they may be charged the student health fee if they use the colleges' Student Health Services.

Non-students, such as employees, may receive services such as flu vaccine or tuberculin skin testing, and are charged a fee for these services.

The college general budget may augment the Student Health Services budgets for services and supplies that are used by non-students.

Operational hours maintained by each college's Student Health Services are designed to support student needs, as resources permit.

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