

Chapter 5 - Student Services

AP 5200 Student Health Services

References:

Education Code Sections 76355 and 76401

Scope of Services

Operations are guided by a Health Services Plan developed and approved in consultation with a physician to comply with regulations as specified in the California Code of Law.

Clinical Services

1. The focus of clinical services is to provide short-term basic care and services necessary for the treatment of acute illnesses and injuries.
2. Mental health services include crisis management and short-term personal counseling.
3. Conditions requiring long-term management, such as alcohol abuse, substance abuse, eating disorders and chronic mental illnesses are evaluated and referred for further care by private practitioners or community services.
4. Management of crisis situations, such as suicidal or homicidal individuals, includes and assessment by a mental health practitioner, or a registered nurse in consultation with a mental health practitioner as needed.
5. Any information of a personal nature disclosed by a student, or parent or guardian of a patient, 12 years of age or older in the process of receiving care from a health professional is confidential with exceptions as dictated by law.

Support Services

1. Office procedures and medical records are managed by clerical personnel.
2. Laboratory services are provided by a licensed, contracted laboratory.
3. Pharmaceuticals are provided internally on a limited basis. Prescriptions are provided for what is not available internally.
4. Referrals are provided for radiology, dental, optometric, and other services not available internally.
5. Health education services are provided by registered nurses and health education personnel.

Health Fees

Health fees are expended solely for the purpose of supporting health services for the general student body. Fees for specific services and products shall be \$5.00 over actual costs to offset general expenses related to the collection of specimens, miscellaneous medical supplies, etc.

Health fees shall not be expended for:

1. salaries of personnel not directly involved in the delivery of health services, for administrative salaries of assistant and deal level personnel and above, or for athletic trainers;
2. costs related to athletics including insurance, ambulance costs for events, medical supplies or physical examinations; and
3. services provided to a select group of students, faculty, or staff.

The following students shall be exempt from paying the health fee (specific waiver instructions are published in the College Catalog and Schedule of Classes):

1. those who depend exclusively upon prayer for healing in accordance with the teachings of a bona fide religious sect, denomination, or organization. The student shall provide written verification of being an active member of such organization;
2. those who are part of a Board-approved apprenticeship training program;
3. low-income students including those who demonstrate financial need in accordance with the methodology set forth in federal law or regulation for determining the expected family contribution of students seeking financial aid and students who demonstrate eligibility according to income standards established by the Board of Governors and contained in Section 58620 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations; and
4. dependent children and surviving spouses of members of the California National Guard who are killed or permanently disabled while in the active services of the State.

Personnel

- Supervision is provided by a registered nurse who possesses a valid, current California license to practice as a registered nurse and either a Bachelor's degree in nursing, a California Public Health Nurse certificate and a Master's degree in health education, sociology, psychology, counseling, health care administration, public health or community health; or a master's degree in nursing and a California Public Health Nurse certificate.
- Clinical services including nursing, medical and mental health services are provided by licensed health professionals.

Medical Records

- Medical treatment records shall be afforded protected status. Records are not released without the written consent of the patient with exceptions as prescribed by law.
- Information concerning a patient shall be furnished in compliance with a court order or a lawfully issued subpoena. A reasonable effort shall be made to notify the patient in advance of compliance with a lawfully issued subpoena.
- Medical treatment records shall be stored in compliance with State and federal guidelines.

Physical Examinations in Health Center

Student Health Services provides physicals for Health Science Division and Fire Technology Department students who wish to use this service to obtain the required physical examination to enter one of the following programs: Nursing, Mental Health Technology, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Therapy, Fire Technology, Emergency Medical Services, or Emergency Medical Technician. The Health Center must make the same service available to every student; therefore, a fee must be established for these physical examinations.

Students pay \$45 for the complete cost of the physical examination, including laboratory work. The student will be pre-screened by the nurse, including height, weight, blood pressure, tuberculin skin test, RPR/VDRL, complete blood count, a urinalysis, and health history. If specifically required, vision screening, and audiometric testing will be performed at no additional cost. The student will be examined by the physician or nurse practitioner after the pre-screening and lab work are completed.

Laboratory Tests in Health Center

Student Health Services provides students in-house laboratory testing and obtains laboratory specimens to be sent to a private laboratory for testing, when requested by the student or ordered by a licensed physician or registered nurse practitioner.

Students pay \$3 service fee over the cost of each laboratory test for collection and handling.

Medications Dispensed in the Health Center

Student Health Services provides students with over-the-counter medications and with prescription medications ordered by a licensed physician or registered nurse practitioner. Students pay a \$3 service fee over the cost of each prescription medication to offset preparation and dispensing costs.

Student Health Fee Waiver

Students enrolling in credit classes at Mt. San Antonio College are assessed a health fee which enables them to utilize the services provided by the Student Health Center. As provided for in Education Code 76355, students who meet any of the following conditions may be exempted from paying this fee:

- are a part of an approved apprenticeship program;
- receive a Board of Governors' Fee Waive;
- are dependent children or spouses of members of the California National Guard who are killed or permanently disabled while in the active service of the State; and
- active members, supported by written verification, of a religious organization that depends exclusively upon prayer for healing.

All requests for waivers will be processed in the Bursar's Office, with a copy forwarded to the Student Health Center. Applications for the waiver must be submitted before the end of the second week of each semester. Waivers for short-term classes must be submitted before the end of the first week of the session.

The Mt. San Antonio College Catalog contains the most recent information regarding Student Health Services. This document is updated annually for currency and correctness.

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