

DECKER STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES CENTER



HOURS

Regular hours are 8 a.m. through 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. Students may walk in for service from 8 to 11 a.m. or they may schedule an appointment for 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Urgent care needs are evaluated throughout the day.

AFTER-HOURS CARE

For emergencies, Harpur's Ferry ambulance service is available. Call 607-777-3333 or 911 from a campus telephone. This service is free to Binghamton University students. Three hospital emergency rooms are nearby, all within three to five miles of campus.

There are also several walk-in clinics with evening and weekend hours close to campus. Information regarding these locations is located on our website, on our after-hours telephone message, and in print in the vestibule of the Decker Student Health Services Center building.

The Decker Student Health Services Center is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) and provides the following services to all registered students:

- Medical care, by physicians, nurse practitioners and nurses for acute medical illness or injury, including psychiatric treatment and consultation
- Sexual health care including contraception
- Travel medicine
- Administration of vaccines
- HIV testing
- Self-care information center
- Health education — educational programming, personal consultation, prevention, peer internship course
- Alcohol and other drug program — education and prevention
- Laboratory services (contracted service)
- Limited medication and medical supplies given at time of visit

Office visits are prepaid by the student health fee, as are some medications and vaccinations required for school (MMR and PPD). Fees will be charged for other vaccines, injections and laboratory testing.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Our goal in health education is to provide Binghamton University students with the tools and information needed to maintain good health. To accomplish this, we:

- Facilitate workshops on a wide range of health promotion and prevention topics on and off campus, and offer materials to student leaders planning their own workshops
- Provide individual counseling, consultation and referral to students who have concerns about sexual health, alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, relationship issues, nutrition, stress management, and more
- Offer a unique street outreach, four-credit peer education internship program (REACH, or Real Education About College Health), where students deliver wellness messages through short, focused conversations with fellow students at dorm storms, health fairs and other special events
- Collaborate on various health awareness events and campaigns, such as keeping your tech devices germ-free, the importance of getting flu shots, World AIDS Day and the Clothesline Project

Health education services are available to all registered students free of charge. All discussions with health education staff are confidential.





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REQUIRED HEALTH FORMS FOR NEW STUDENTS

All health forms for new students are available at health.binghamton.edu/new-students.html.

New York State Public Health Law requires students to complete a Meningitis Acknowledgement Statement indicating knowledge of the meningitis vaccine and their decision to receive it or not. The law also requires documentation of immunity to Measles, Mumps and Rubella.

Course registration, campus housing and eligibility for financial aid will all be adversely affected if health requirements are not met.

Parents or guardians are asked to fill out the Under 18 Consent for Emergency/Medical Treatment form if their student is under 18 years old.

Undergraduate students taking 12 or more credits and graduate students taking 9 or more credits must complete the Tuberculosis Screening form and return it to the Decker Student Health Services Center.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All student health records are confidential; no information can be released to anyone, including parents or legal guardians, without the student signing a release, available at health.binghamton.edu/forms.html. This form specifies to whom and about what illnesses or injury information may be released. Exceptions may be made in the case of a legally executed subpoena, according to public health regulations or in the event of a life-threatening situation.

STUDENT INSURANCE

Each semester, as part of tuition, all registered students pay a student health fee that supports Decker Student Health Services Center programs and services. Because the fee is pre-paid, you will not be charged for office visits to the Decker Student Health Services Center, or for many medications and other services. The student health fee does not cover off-campus care, which is why health insurance is so important.

Health insurance is mandatory for all domestic undergraduate students and all international students, undergraduate and graduate. All domestic undergraduate students (full- and part-time) are automatically enrolled in and billed for the University's Student Accident and Sickness Plan, unless they waive this plan through the Office of Student Accounts. Before the University Student Accident and Sickness Plan is waived, it is important to verify that the alternate coverage can be used for outpatient services and specialist referrals in the Binghamton area.

International students have their own plan through the Office of International Student and Scholar Services.

Funded graduate students (RAs, GAs and TAs) may be eligible for health insurance through the University or through the Research Foundation, depending on the source of the funding for their position. Unfunded graduate students are eligible for the same health insurance as domestic undergraduate students. Those students should contact the Office of Student Accounts to enroll.

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