Student Health

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- **Last Evaluated:** 2/2019
- **Minimum Review Frequency:** Annually
- **Approving Body:** Principal Faculty

**Background and Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to describe student and program responsibilities as it relates to student health and the availability of health services for students enrolled in the MPAS program.

**Policy Statement**

1. Student Health services are available on-campus to all MPAS students. Detailed information regarding student health services, including hours of operation, can be found at their website [https://www.fgcu.edu/studentlife/studenthealth/index.aspx](https://www.fgcu.edu/studentlife/studenthealth/index.aspx).
2. Student Health Center is located on campus adjacent to Parking Garage 2, behind the Arts and Music complex.
   a. Routine medical care, physical examinations, immunizations, and referrals for specialty care can be performed on-site.
   b. Current Hours of Operation: 8:15AM-4:45PM Monday – Thursday; 9:00AM-4:45PM Friday.
   c. **After Hours Care:** The FGCU student health center offers an after hours medical advice call line at 239-590-7966 and a mental health professional call line through CAPS at 239-745-3277. Students can obtain medical care after hours from one of the local urgent care centers. A list of local centers can be found at [https://www.fgcu.edu/studentlife/studenthealth/afterhourscale.aspx](https://www.fgcu.edu/studentlife/studenthealth/afterhourscale.aspx).
   d. **Emergencies:** Dial 911 or report to a local hospital emergency department.
3. The program director, program faculty and medical director cannot participate as a health care providers for students enrolled in the program.
   a. If the MPAS medical director, program director or faculty are providing health care services at FGCU Student Health Center, they are not to treat MPAS students unless in emergency situations. MPAS students will be evaluated and treated by alternate providers on site.
4. No student health information, other than immunization verifications, will be maintained in MPAS program student files. Program faculty will not access any student health information other than immunization verifications.

5. All students are responsible for obtaining their own health insurance and provide proof of insurance prior to program matriculation. Students must maintain their personal health insurance throughout the duration of the program. Students will not be allowed to advance in the program without health insurance coverage.

6. Students are responsible for the cost of all health care services they may require while enrolled in the MPAS program, including any health care services required as a result of participation in program activities and supervised clinical practice experiences. This includes, but is not limited to: TB testing, immunizations, and infection/pathogen exposure evaluation and treatment.

7. All students must obtain immunizations in accordance with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for health-care workers and as listed on the FGCU PA program website under “Post Acceptance Requirements”.
   a. Students must provide evidence of immunizations and/or proof of immunity directly to Student Health Services and to the MPAS program through the CastleBranch system. Verification of immunizations will be maintained in the MPAS student file.
   b. Students will be required to obtain the influenza vaccine and TB testing annually while enrolled in the program.
   c. If TB screening is positive, evaluation (and treatment if indicated) must be completed in accordance with CDC guidelines.
   d. Clinical rotation sites may require additional verifications of immunity. Therefore, students may also be required to repeat testing and/or provide proof of immunity to clinical sites as per their policies.

ARC-PA Associated Standards:
- **A1.05** – PA students must be provided student health services equivalent to those services provided other comparable students
- **A3.07** – The program must have and implement a policy on immunization based on current CDC recommendations for health care professionals
- **A3.09** – Principal faculty, the program director and the medical director must not participate as health care providers for students in the program, except in an emergency situation.
- **A3.19** – Student files kept by the program must include documentation: (b) that the student has met institution and program health screening and immunization requirements
- **A3.21** – Student health records are confidential and must not be accessible to or reviewed by program, principal or instructional faculty or staff except for immunization and tuberculosis screening results which may be maintained and released with written permission from the student.
  - ANNOTATION: The ARC-PA does not consider needle stick/sharp records, results of drug screening, or criminal background checks, a part of the health record.

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