



## OHSU POLICY MANUAL

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**Policy Title:** STUDENT HEALTH

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### 1. **Generally**

It is the policy of OHSU that eligible students have access to comprehensive health services. These services include a variety of primary care, counseling and psychological services and programs to promote well-being and facilitate adjustment to the physical and emotional demands of the health professions and science education.

### 2. **Definitions of Eligibility**

#### A. **Students Eligible to Receive Health Services:**

1. Individuals enrolled in an OHSU academic course who are charged the OHSU University Fee are eligible to receive health services through the Student Health & Wellness Center (SHW).
2. Individuals enrolled in an OHSU academic course who are charged the OHSU regional campus health service fees are eligible to receive health services through their regional campus student health center.
3. Individuals enrolled in a joint OHSU/partner institution academic degree or certificate program are eligible for health services as dictated in the partnership agreement.

B. **Students Eligible for the OHSU Sponsored Health Insurance Plan:** Individuals enrolled in an OHSU academic course who are charged an OHSU sponsored student health insurance fees in accordance with the OHSU Academic Year Tuition & Fee Book; or individuals who are enrolled in a joint OHSU/partner institution academic degree or certificate program who are charged an OHSU sponsored health insurance plan as dictated in the partnership agreement.

### 3. **Student Health Services and Confidentiality**

Students eligible to receive health services who are enrolled in courses offered online, on the Portland campus have access to health services provided by the SHW. Graduate students in joint degree programs offered by the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health that indicate they will use OHSU health services have access to health services provided by the SHW.

Students eligible to receive health services who are enrolled in an OHSU program hosted

on an OHSU regional campus, have access to health services at that regional campus. Services offered by SHW may be limited due to the person's clinical needs and/or their location, such as state or country of residence. Depending on location, students may not always be able to access SHW due to state licensure requirements for SHW providers. Students that cannot access health services provided by the SHW or provided by an OHSU regional campus may access healthcare facilities in their community through the use of their health insurance. Upon request and when possible, SHW will work with students to identify local resources to meet their needs.

SHW is governed by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (when patients are not OHSU students) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Acts (when patients are OHSU students) and is required by federal and state law to maintain the privacy of health information. Patients shall be provided appropriate privacy regarding confidential information about health evaluations or treatments, including protection from access by faculty and staff who are not providing direct care, unless consent is obtained or applicable law allows the sharing of such information. ORS 192.551 allows the SHW to disclose a student's records of health care, mental health care or counseling services to a person within OHSU, affiliated with OHSU or acting on behalf of OHSU to the extent that a person unaffiliated with OHSU would be lawfully authorized to disclose the records when providing health care, mental health care or counseling services. OHSU maintains student records, including health, academic, educational and job placement records in accordance with legal requirements for security, privacy, confidentiality, and accessibility.

#### 4. **Requirements**

##### A. **Immunizations**

OHSU follows the guidelines for required immunizations issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and by the State of Oregon as set forth in ORS 433.235-433.284 and OAR 333-050-0010 to 333-050-0140, School Immunization Rules. Students must comply with [pre-entrance immunization requirements](#) and remain in compliance for the duration of their enrollment at OHSU, as specified by the SHW.

Failure to provide proof of immunization within 30 days of matriculation will result in a student being restricted from attending courses in the current term and prevent the student from registering for courses in subsequent terms.

OHSU students in clinical training settings within the state of Oregon, including OHSU clinical training settings, must be compliant with the standardized administrative requirements outlined in [OAR 409-030-0100 to 409-030-0250](#). Similarly, non-OHSU students in an OHSU clinical training setting must meet the same requirements.

**B. Health Insurance**

As a condition of participation, all enrolled students are required to have health insurance coverage in effect at all times.

1. Students eligible for the OHSU sponsored health insurance plan who have a comparable health insurance plan that meets all of the OHSU waiver requirements may apply for a waiver from the OHSU sponsored student health insurance plan.
2. Students that have requested a waiver for the OHSU sponsored health insurance plan and subsequently experience a lapse in health insurance coverage will be automatically enrolled in the OHSU sponsored health insurance plan, consistent with the practices outlined in the Uninsured Student Procedure.

**C. Non-Immigrant J-1 Foreign Student Health, Medical Evacuation and Repatriation Insurance**

As a condition of admissions, all enrolled non-immigrant foreign students are required to carry health insurance. Non-immigrant foreign students who have comparable health insurance coverage may apply for a waiver consistent with the requirements of Section 4B of this policy.

In addition to health insurance, all non-immigrant J-1 foreign students and J-2 dependents are required to carry medical evacuation and repatriation insurance in effect at all times and meet the requirements of federally regulated J-1 student visas as determined by the U.S. Department of State and the OHSU Office of International Affairs.

**5. Responsibilities**

The Director of SHW holds primary responsibility for supplying information about where and how to access health services; ensuring compliance with the policy provisions; and executing this policy.

**6. Procedures**

- A. SHW will establish procedures pursuant to this policy. Additional information about Student Health & Wellness Center services, benefits of the OHSU-sponsored health insurance plan and how to apply for an insurance waiver are available on the [SHW website](#).
- B. The Office of International Affairs will establish additional procedures pursuant to section 4C for policy for non-immigrant foreign students.

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**Related Policies and Procedures:**

Policy 02-20-005, Education Records

Policy 02-70-030, Voluntary Leave of Absence, Excused Military Absence, and Withdrawal Procedure, Uninsured Student

**Related Regulations:**

OAR 409-030-0100 to 409-030-0250, Administrative Requirements for Health Profession Student Clinical Training

ORS 192.551

ORS 413.435

ORS 433.235-433.284

OAR 333-050-0010 to 333-050-0140, School Immunization Rules

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