



POLICY: Student Health Care Services

Health Services

Basic healthcare services are available from University Health Services during normal college hours. A complete list of available care is located on the [Health Services Home Page](#)

Students may choose to utilize their University Health Plan insurance to receive care from a primary care provider or specialist in the community. [Details on the student health Plan can be found on the University Health Plans, Inc. Website](#)

Local Health Care Resources

[Lincoln Primary Care](#)

2 Wake Robin Road - Suite 103
Lincoln, RI 02865
401-334-3105

[CVS Pharmacy \(inside Target store\)](#)

620 George Washington Hwy
Lincoln, RI 02865
401-642-0081

[The Miriam Hospital](#)

164 Summit Avenue
Providence, RI
(401) 793-2500

Student Health Insurance

Bryant University PA Program students are required to maintain health insurance throughout the entire program. To ensure coverage of all possible health care associated situations, including needle sticks, and to guarantee that health insurance is provided during clinical rotations, all PA students are enrolled in the mandatory University Health Plan policy specifically for PA Students. The program includes the cost of this policy in Student Fees and will arrange coverage for enrolled students once they matriculate. Information regarding this policy can be found on the student health Plan can be found on the [University Health Plans, Inc. Website](#)

Faculty as Health Care Providers

The PA Program faculty, including instructional faculty, are prohibited from being involved in any aspect of student healthcare, except in an emergency.

- Students should refrain from requesting or obtaining care or health advice from faculty, lecturers., or preceptors involved in the PA Program.
- Receiving care from faculty can create a possible ethical dilemma and violates ARC-PA Standards.
- Faculty may provide immediate assistance in the case of a medical emergency.

Students have health insurance, student health services, as well as access to local primary, urgent, and emergent care for all of their health needs.

Medical Emergencies

In the event of a medical emergency in the PA Program, students will notify faculty and staff as well as call 6911 from any University phone, or 401-232-6911 from a cellular phone. This will activate EMS and Bryant University Department of Public Safety response to the scene. Faculty along with the EMT from DPS will manage the emergent needs of the patient until EMS arrives. If possible, a faculty member will accompany the student to the hospital. The Student Injury Report form shall be completed and kept on file with the program.

Medical Records

- Student medical records are maintained by Bryant Health Services and are not available to PA program principal or instructional faculty, staff, or preceptors.
- Immunization records and results of TB Screening may be released to the program with written student permission. This is required for students to participate in SCPEs.
- Health Services is responsible for evaluating the health information provided to determine the applicant's ability to complete the entire educational program without risk to themselves or patients. In order to maintain confidentiality and comply with ARC-PA accreditation standards, a Certificate of Health Compliance is the only documentation provided to the program.
 - Certificate of Health Compliance
 - Copies of immunization records
 - Verification of Health Insurance
 - Completion of physical examination
- Students should not send any medical records, medical certificates, physical examinations, or other Personal Health Information to the PA Program. All information should be sent directly to Health Services.

Exposure to Blood-Borne Pathogens and PPE

Participating in laboratory exercises, as well as in supervised clinical practice experiences, is a necessary component of the PA Program. Students understand that there is a risk for exposure to infectious and environmental hazards such as blood or body fluids during the program. The Program procedure surrounding exposure to these hazards is guided by the Bryant University Campus Exposure Control Plan 2017.

- Information regarding exposure policies will be provided to students during Program orientation, prior to any course where exposure may occur, and prior to beginning the clinical phase of the program.
- Students must agree to participate in activities that have the potential for exposure to infectious or environmental hazards and are aware that student health insurance may not cover all aspects of care secondary to such exposures.

- When a student has experienced an exposure to an infectious or environmental hazard, prompt attention is essential.
 - The most important step in protecting one's self from exposure to infectious and environmental hazards is prevention. Students are expected to follow OSHA and CDC Standard Precautions Guidelines while engaging in the care of patients or in laboratory skills practice within the Program curriculum. This includes the use of proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and safe handling of contaminated objects such as sharps. Information regarding these guidelines will be reviewed during Clinical Laboratory and Clinical Skills courses during the didactic year and reviewed prior to the start of the clinical phase of the program. Links to these Guidelines will be provided to the students on Blackboard.
 - All students who experience an exposure to known or potentially infectious or environmental hazards require immediate and follow-up care. Students should immediately remove any contaminated clothing, and wash or flush the exposed area with copious amounts of soap and water. If mucosal surfaces are involved, flush immediately with clean water using care to avoid contaminating other mucosal tissue.
 - Students who experience an exposure on campus should notify a faculty member and proceed directly to Health Services during normal business hours immediately after washing the affected area with copious amounts of soap and water.
 - Health Services Hours:
Monday – Friday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Saturday: 10 am to 2 pm
 - In the event of an exposure on campus after hours, students should contact 6911, or 401-232-6911 for assistant from DPS and the on campus EMT. This service is available 24/7. Security/EMTs will arrange for timely transport to a local medical facility for medical care. Prompt medical attention following an exposure incident will allow assessment of the health status of the source individual, if known, and the baseline status of the exposed student.
 - Students on clinical rotation will receive notification of the specific clinical site policy surrounding exposure during their orientation to that site. In the event of an exposure during a clinical rotation, the student should notify the supervising physician assistant or physician immediately, and seek care at their current facility, if available, or at a local emergency room. Consultation with a provider is necessary to secure prompt medical evaluation, immediate injury treatment, assessment of exposure risk, and discussion regarding post-exposure prophylaxis. The student should notify the Program of the exposure as soon as possible, without delaying evaluation and treatment.
 - In all circumstances, the student must notify the program within 24 hours of the exposure. When evaluated for an exposure, students must request a written clearance from the licensed health care provider evaluating them, including when they are allowed to return to class or rotations and do not pose an immediate health or safety risk to others as a result of the exposure. Inability to attend class or rotations due to illness or injury may lead to a delay in progression through the program curriculum.

- Accident and sickness insurance is required for all Bryant University PA Students. In the event the student's health insurance does not cover expenses related to evaluation or follow-up care for the exposure, the student accepts financial responsibility for all related costs.

Standard A1.05 PA students must be provided health services equivalent to those services provided other comparable students

ANNOTATION

Standard 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.

ANNOTATION:

Standard 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.

ANNOTATION:

Standard A3.09 Student health records are confidential and must not be accessible to or reviewed by program, principal, or instructional faculty or staff except for immunizations 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.

Review: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

- Medical Director
- Director of Clinical Education

Forwarded for Approval: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

- Associate Program Director

Approved: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

- Program Director



FORM: Certificate of Health Compliance (COHC)

Click or tap to enter a date.

To be completed by the Health Services

Student Name:

- Student has a completed physical examination on file
- Student has no conditions that should limit them from completing the PA Program
- Student has no identifiable conditions that would make them a danger to their classmates or patients
- Student is in compliance with all immunizations required by the PA Program Immunization Policy
- Student is enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan

Choose an item.

Screened by Health Services: Click or tap here to enter text.

Click or tap to enter a date.

HS Representative Signature: _____

Director of Didactic Education: Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature: _____

Click or tap to enter a date.



FORM: STUDENT INJURY REPORT

Student Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Click or tap to enter a date.

Student ID Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Description of Incident:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of incident: Click or tap to enter a date.

Time of incident: Click or tap here to enter text.

Location of incident: Choose an item.

Medical Treatment Provided: Choose an item.

EMS Notified: Choose an item.

Student sent for medical care: Choose an item.

Narrative: Click or tap here to enter text.



Student Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Click or tap to enter a date.

Student Signature: _____

Director of Didactic Education: Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature: _____

Click or tap to enter a date.

Program Review: Click here to enter a date.

- Medical Director
- Director of Didactic Education
- Risk Management

Final Review: Click here to enter a date.

- Program Director