Screening Services
Tests are available for medical conditions and infections at the SHC, charges vary according to insurance coverage. A private consultation with the ARNP is advised to determine individual needs.

Women's Health Care
All women are recommended to have a pelvic exam and PAP smear beginning at age 21 or within 3 years of the onset of sexual activity (ACS/USPSTF). The SHC will be happy to discuss the student’s individual health needs and provide information regarding preventative health care and family planning services.

Confidentiality
According to the federal regulation “HIPPA” (Health Information Portability & Accountability Act) all patients over 18 years old have the right to medical confidentiality. If you wish to discuss your son or daughters medical condition with the SHC staff, we will need the student’s written permission to do so. We understand that this can be a source of frustration and apprehension for you, but we are legally obligated to follow this regulation and ask for your understanding and cooperation. On their initial visit, your son or daughter is given a form to identify the name and relationship of individuals that may have access to their medical information. You may want to speak with them to ensure they include the names of all individuals that can be allowed to receive this personal information.

Medical Care After Hours
In case of emergency students may call 8111 for on campus security that will assess the situation and notify EMS if appropriate. In the event that an acute illness occurs after hours, students are referred to an Urgent Care Center in their insurance network. A list of Urgent Care centers can be found on our website. If unsure if their illness can wait until the clinic opens, the student may call 321-723-9411 to speak to the OMNI physician on call; inform the answering service that they are a student of Florida Tech and a patient of OMNI Healthcare, and request to speak with the doctor on call. The physician will return their call within the hour and offer medical advice. For non-emergent care, we encourage the use of either the on-campus SHC or an Urgent Care Center before going to a hospital emergency room. Holmes Regional Medical Center A level Two Trauma Center is the nearest hospital and is located at 1350 Hickory Street, Melbourne 2 miles from campus, (321) 434-7000.

We hope that this newsletter has answered some of your questions regarding your son or daughters health care while on campus.
Please do not hesitate to call
321-674-8078 or email questions or concerns to:
healthcenter@fit.edu
Sincerely,
The Student Health Center Staff

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The staff at the Student Health Center (SHC) would like to welcome all parents of Florida Tech students and hope that your experience with the SHC is a positive one. Our doors are always open to you and your son/daughter to assist in any way that we can, even if it means stopping by to ask a question or just to get a Band-Aid. In addition, we are always available by phone and will personally read and respond to any letter or email.

Location and Hours
The SHC is located on the Northwest corner of Country Club Road and University Boulevard, across from Skurla Hall. We welcome you to become acquainted with us and stop by while you’re on campus with your family. We are open Monday - Thursday from 8:00 am to 8:00pm, Friday 8am to 5pm. (Hours vary while school is not in session.) All patients are seen on a walk-in basis ensuring most can be seen the same day, some appointments may be made due to volume of visits.

Eligibility and Charges
All registered students, regardless of insurance, are eligible for SHC services Visits for acute illness or injury are free to all registered students; however, charges may be incurred for labs, procedures, medical supplies or equipment, which will be billed to their insurance. Please remember that all students are required to carry health insurance. If you choose not to purchase the Student Health Insurance, ensure that your son/daughter has health insurance and carries a copy of their insurance card – it may be needed for prescriptions, referrals to specialists or for services not provided at the SHC. If you choose not to purchase the Student Health Insurance and will continue to cover them under your plan, please check with your insurance carrier to be sure that non-emergency services will be covered in this area, and obtain your network provider list. If you have questions regarding the Student Health Insurance, please contact Gregg Graham at 321-674-7707, email graham@fit.edu.

Family Care
Visiting family members are eligible for treatment at the SHC for minor illness if needed. Their insurance will be billed and copay collected. Out of country or those without insurance can be seen for a fee of $50.00.
Health History Form

When completing Panther Pass, your son/daughter was instructed to download and print a copy of the Health History Form to document vaccinations. Please return this form before or during registration. If not submitted by November 1, they will not be allowed to register for any further classes. Copies of documents from your physician are acceptable proof of vaccination. A physical exam is not required; however there are specific vaccine requirements for undergraduate, graduate and international students.

Immunizations

All undergraduate students are required to have proof of two MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccines. For graduate students, MMR’s are recommended, but not required.

- Tuberculosis (TB) All students who have resided in a TB endemic area of the world are required to provide proof of a TB skin test, TB Blood assay, or Chest X-Ray within 3 months of starting school.

- Hepatitis/Meningitis All students living in residence halls must receive a series of three Hepatitis B and one Meningococcal Meningitis vaccination OR sign a waiver acknowledging receipt of information regarding these infections, but declining immunization. Information is available online [http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm) or at the SHC. This waiver is included on the Health History Form. All of the above mentioned vaccines are available at the SHC and at the local health department, if needed.

- Influenza vaccine is offered in the fall. Please encourage your student to have a flu shot, a week of missed school is difficult to catch up! Costs vary; see our website.

Staff

The SHC has six permanent, full-time staff members who strive to convey a caring and compassionate atmosphere. As parents ourselves, we understand your apprehension while your son or daughter is away at school. We will provide them with comprehensive medical examination and treatment equal to what you would expect by health care providers in a primary or urgent care environment.

Health Care Providers

Two full time, nationally board certified Nurse Practitioners staff the SHC, providing a wide array of health care services including, but not limited to: physical examination and diagnosis, minor emergency procedures such as foreign body removal, repair of minor lacerations, and temporary splinting, laboratory, radiology, and prescription of medications as indicated. If, after an evaluation, a specialist is required the appropriate referral is made.

Deborah Marino, MSN, ANP-BC, Director

Mrs. Marino, practicing at the college for 12 years, has extensive experience in College health and wellness. Her background includes family practice, geriatrics, emergency, and aerospace medicine. She is licensed in the State of Florida and nationally certified as an Adult Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner. She earned both her baccalaureate and Masters of Science degrees at the University of Florida.

Brittany Collins, MSN, FNP-C, Assistant Director

Mrs. Collins has experience in family practice and surgical trauma medicine. She attended the University of Central Florida where she earned both her baccalaureate and Masters of Science degrees.

Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Marino are both licensed in the State of Florida, nationally certified by American Nurses Credentialing Center and are certified in ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support).

Pharmacy

Over the counter and prescription medications are available at the SHC at prices at or below retail. Medications not available at the SHC can be obtained at a local pharmacy or delivered to the SHC within 24 hours.

Services

- Treatment for acute illnesses or injuries, including certain procedures, prescriptions, x-rays, lab work and referrals as indicated.
- Travel medicine counseling
- Vaccinations
- Sexual Health Counseling, Family Planning
- Allergy injections can be given at the SHC when serum is provided; insurance will be billed for administration.
- Counseling for weight loss, smoking cessation and fitness, as well as encouraging health promotion and disease prevention during every visit
- Physical exams (sports/work/SCUBA) for a fee
- Self-care center: Located in the lobby, students can take their own temperature and obtain selected free over the counter medications and information on common ailments.
- Free book library

Chronic Illnesses

Students with chronic disease or those that require refills of medications taken routinely are directed to establish with a local provider to manage their condition; they are welcome to come to the SHC for minor illnesses and injuries. We strongly encourage you to check with your health insurance company as soon as possible to arrange for an initial visit with a local specialist to follow their specific health care needs. As not all insurance companies cover routine visits out of network it is important that you are aware of your insurance coverage.