



HEALTH SERVICES FAQs

What does it cost to be seen in Health Services?

There is no charge to see the physician, nurse practitioner, or RN in the Health Center as long as you are currently enrolled and have paid your Student Health Fee for the semester. Laboratory tests, immunizations, medications, academic physical exams, pelvic exams, and birth control are provided for very reasonable fees. First aid and emergency services are provided for students, staff and visitors.

The **San Marcos Health Center** is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm and Fridays from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. The **Escondido Health Center** hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm and from 4:00 to 8:00 pm, closed on Fridays. Hours at the Escondido Center may vary dependent upon staffing availability. Appointments with the providers are preferred.

What services are available in Health Services?

Health Services provides all the services you'll find in a routine medical clinic. Treatment is provided for minor illnesses and injuries. We also provide education on a broad range of health issues. Academic, Childcare, DMV and other limited physicals are available for a fee. Immunizations against tetanus, diphtheria, and hepatitis B are provided at a low cost. Testing for pregnancy, strep throat, tuberculosis and other conditions is available. Over the counter medications such as non-aspirin pain relievers, Ibuprofen, feminine products, and condoms are available free of charge. Health Services has medications available for a small fee.

What is the Health Fee that I pay every semester, and what do I get for it?

Each registered student is assessed a state mandated Health Fee (\$17 Fall and Spring, \$14 in Summer) as part of their regular registration fees. This fee covers direct medical services in the Health Center. It also pays for access to health education information, i.e. materials and wellness events as well as certain over the counter medications.

Can I get health insurance through Health Services?

Palomar College students are covered for accidental injuries that occur during scheduled classes. This coverage is a secondary policy. There is currently no extended health insurance available through the College.