

TITLE: STUDENT HEALTH COVERAGE POLICY

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RESPONSIBILITY: Dean, Student Experience
Students' Association

APPENDICES:

CROSS-REFERENCE:

POLICY STATEMENT:

All students require health insurance while studying at GPRC. Students must have basic health care coverage from Alberta Health Care, health care from another province or health insurance from a private provider. GPRC will provide information, and access to, Canadian medical hospital insurance for students.

PURPOSE:

To ensure full-time students have access to health coverage while studying at GPRC.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all full-time credit students.

DEFINITIONS:

Basic Provincial Health Care: This is the basic service covered by provincial health care insurance.

Extended Health Care: Includes the health care provided by the Students' Association. It includes dental, prescriptions and ambulance coverage.

Private Health Care Insurance: This comprises all other insurance policies, including policies purchased in other countries.

GUIDELINES/PRINCIPLES :

1. Basic Provincial Health Care

Most Canadians are covered under a provincial health care plan. To apply for Alberta Health Care, Canadian students need to contact Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (780) 427-1432. International students are eligible for Alberta Health Care coverage if their student visa is valid for one or more years, or if they intend to extend their student visa beyond one year. To apply for Alberta Health Care, International students need to complete the documentation at Student Services.

2. Private Health Care Insurance Providers

International students, whose student or visitor visa is valid for less than one year, can apply for private health care insurance, by contacting Student Services. Students with private health care insurance will be expected to pay in cash for services and be reimbursed through their insurance provider.

3. Mandatory Student Health Plan

Students registered in full-time credit programs will be enrolled in the mandatory extended student health plan provided by the Students' Association. Exempt from this requirement are all programs listed under the school of Trades, Agriculture, and Environment, due to the nature of these programs' short period of instruction and apprenticeship employment coverage.

Students may opt-out of the mandatory student health plan if they can prove extended coverage by another plan.

Students in programs listed under the school of Trades, Agriculture, and Environment also have the option to opt-in to the student health plan if they desire.

All students requesting to opt-out or opt-in, must do so by the deadlines outlined in the Academic Calendar.