

Policies of the University of North Texas	Chapter 7
07.027 Medical Excuse from Class	Student Affairs

Policy Statement. The UNT Student Health and Wellness Center (SHWC) does not provide student with medical excuses from class unless the student is a patient being treated for a potentially contagious illness that may pose a health risk to other students, faculty, or staff; or for an injury, and they are enrolled in a physical education activity class.

Application of Policy. All UNT students who use UNT health care services.

Definitions.

1. **Contagious Illness.** Contagious illness means an infectious disease that is spread from person to person.
2. **Medical Excuse.** Medical excuse means written documentation from a provider regarding the medical necessity of a patient missing a class or event where attendance is considered mandatory.
3. **Medical Provider.** Medical provider means an individual that provides preventative, curative, or rehabilitative healthcare services in a systematic way to individuals.

Procedures and Responsibilities.

1. Medical Excuse Due to Potentially Contagious Illness.

A medical excuse will be given to a student when they have been diagnosed with a potentially contagious disease that may pose a risk to other students, faculty, or staff, and are required to miss class for a specified number of days.

Depending on the severity of the illness, the student may be advised to not attend class for a specified number of days, as determined by the medical provider.

Responsible Party: Director of Clinical Services

2. Medical Excuse for an Activity Class in Physical Education.

A medical excuse will be given to a student when they are required to miss class for a specified number of days due to an injury.

Depending on the severity of the injury, the student may (1) attend class but cannot participate in the activity; or (2) attend class and participate on a moderate basis for a specified number of days, as determined by the medical provider.

Responsible Party: Director of Clinical Services

3. Medical Verification Forms

When patients are seen at the SHWC for an illness or injury, they will receive a Medical Verification Form, upon request, which provides the date and time of an office visit. This will serve as verification that the student was examined by a medical provider. Departmental or individual instructor policy on class absence will determine how this verification is used.

Responsible Party: SHWC Billing Department

References and Cross-references. None.

Forms and Tools. None.

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