

Health Services

ABAC provides students with health care services and health-related educational programs consistent with its mission and reflecting the needs of the campus community. The ABAC Student Health Center is located in the Health Sciences Building, through the rear entrance. The Health Center is staffed by physicians, nurses, and nurse practitioners who provide care for acute illnesses, minor injuries, allergy shots, immunizations, and well-woman care such as Pap smears and contraception. All student health records are held in strict confidence by the Health Center staff.

Students with serious illness or injury should seek emergency health care in the community or call "911".

Student Health Center Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Student Health Center is open from the first day of classes until the last day of final examinations each semester for patient care. The Health Center is open during semester breaks for immunizations and access to records. Visit the Student Health Center web site at www.abac.edu/healthcenter for updated information on hours and services.

Cost of Services

Students registered for six or more hours pay a health fee at registration and are eligible for services. There is no additional charge to see the physician, nurse, or nurse practitioner. However, charges may apply to cover the cost of some medical supplies, laboratory tests, immunizations, and medications. The Student Health Center has a limited formulary of the most commonly used prescription and non-prescription medications used in college health. Students seeking health care in the community by referral from the Student Health Center are responsible for any costs incurred.

Required Immunizations

Each student must submit a certificate of immunization to the Enrollment Services Office prior to admission to the College. This form is part of the admission paperwork.

- MMR: Students born in 1957 or later must prove immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella by taking two MMR vaccinations or by providing laboratory evidence of immunity.
- Tetanus: Students must have taken a tetanus booster within 10 years of matriculation.

- Varicella Students must prove immunity to varicella (chicken pox). This may be accomplished by giving a history of chicken pox or shingles illness to a health care provider with the date of illness or by taking two varicella vaccinations or by providing laboratory evidence of immunity.
- Hepatitis B: Students under the age of 19 years must prove immunity to Hepatitis B. This may be accomplished by taking three Hepatitis B vaccines or providing laboratory evidence of immunity.
- Meningitis: Students planning to reside in campus housing will receive information regarding meningococcal disease. For students electing to take the vaccine, one dose is recommended with a booster in five years. Otherwise, students must sign a form that documents that they decline the vaccine.

NOTE: It is strongly recommended that students make a copy of their immunization records and keep these records among their important papers. The Student Health Center archives student health records for five years. After five years the records are destroyed.