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RE: Student Health Center Policy on Providing Medical Excuses

The Student Health Center (SHC) does not provide “medical excuses” for missed classes, exams, etc. There are several reasons for this policy including our finite resources (which are better devoted to providing health care) & our commitment to student privacy. This policy is similar to those of other major universities, consistent with the recommendations of the American College Health Association, & supported by the UWL Student Life Office.

Students should contact their professors in the event of class absence(s) due to illness or injury. If SHC staff are aware that a student will be unable to attend classes for an extended period of time (usually a week or more), we will notify the Student Life Office. The Student Life Office will then send out a Notification of Medical Illness (via e-mail) to all of the student’s professors. The individual student is still responsible for arranging for make-up work directly with faculty. In the event of a Medical Withdrawal from the University, the Student Life Office & the SHC work together to determine the necessity of the withdrawal & send notification to all appropriate departments.

The SHC can provide verification of appointment attendance for special circumstances, although attendance verifications are NOT excuses for missed classes, exams, etc. and should not be routinely requested.