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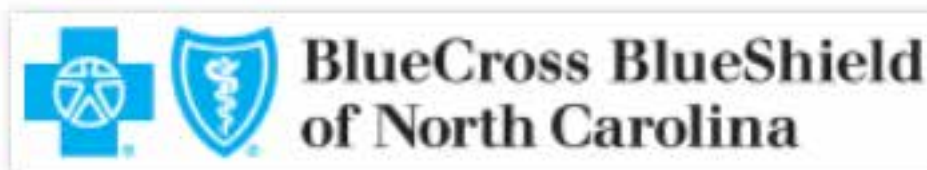
THE GRADUATE STUDENT
NEWSLETTER



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CRITICAL REMINDER!

Change to Eligibility Requirements for Student Health Insurance for Graduate Students



Many universities across the United States require health insurance as a condition of enrollment. In 2009, the UNC Board of Governors approved the implementation of a “hard waiver” SHIP for all the UNC campuses. The term “hard waiver” means any students meeting specific criteria is required to show evidence of an existing “creditable coverage” or enroll in the UNC System-Wide Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP). ECU therefore has a mandatory health insurance requirement for campus-based students.

To give many students an option for purchase, ECU offers a [SHIP](#) to all campus-based students, including graduate students. The eligibility criteria for purchasing this insurance has changed, effective Fall 2018. Graduate students who are enrolled in a minimum of 3 credit hours of campus based classes will be eligible to purchase the SHIP through ECU. Previously, the requirement was a minimum of 6 credits of campus based classes; more students will now be eligible to purchase this policy due to the change.

However, this also means more students will need to participate in the “waive out” program if they do not wish to purchase the SHIP. All graduate students should review the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) website for [Student Health Services](#). Once there, graduate students can click on “Insurance” and a drop-down block will show several questions with thorough answers regarding purchasing the SHIP, waiving out, and where to go for more information.

Any graduate student enrolled in 3 credits of campus based courses in Fall 2018 and all subsequent semesters, will need to show evidence of health insurance or “waive out.” If the student does not have insurance, then the SHIP can be purchased through the student account. This charge is added to all eligible student accounts until the “waive out” process is completed. The deadline for waiving out is September 11 for the Fall semester and January 31 for the Spring semester.

If a graduate student has any questions about the [mandatory health insurance requirement](#) or their individual situation relative to the requirement, the Insurance Administrator’s office can be contacted at 252-328-6841, option 5.

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Trainings Available

[New Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation](#) is on July 26th and [registration](#) is open! If you are going to be a new teaching assistant in Fall 2018 or Fall 2019, this workshop is for you!





IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

JUNE
18 Last day of classes for Summer Session 1
[Academic Calendar](#)

JULY
13 Last Day to submit a thesis or dissertation for summer graduation (using [VIREO](#))

JUNE
19 Final Exams for Summer Session 1
Last day for faculty to remove incompletes for courses from summer session one, 2017. [Academic Calendar](#)

JULY
27 Final Exams for Summer Session 2 & 11-week session AND Last day f to remove incompletes for courses from summer session one and 11-week session, 2017.

JUNE
19 Last day to withdraw from term-length courses or withdraw from school without grades by 5:00 PM.
[Academic Calendar](#)

AUG
20 Classes begin.
Schedule changes allowed Aug 20-24
[Academic Calendar](#)

JUNE
22 Last day for Add/Drop for Summer Session 2
[Academic Calendar](#)

AUG
24 Last day of course adjustment period (registration, schedule changes, and drop/add) by 5:00 PM. [Academic Calendar](#)

JUNE
27 Last day to withdraw from 11-week semester term-length courses or withdraw from school without grades by 5:00 PM. [Academic Calendar](#)

SEPT
3 State Holiday - no classes
[Academic Calendar](#)

JULY
4 State Holiday - no classes
[Academic Calendar](#)

OCT
6-9 Fall Break
[Academic Calendar](#)

JULY
13 Last day to withdraw from SS2 term-length courses or withdraw from school without grades by 5:00 PM
[Academic Calendar](#)

NOV
2 Registration for Spring 2019 for graduate students opens at 1:00 PM
[Academic Calendar](#)

Academic Calendars are always found at ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

LOOKING FOR CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT?

Student Employment Office

How To Search For Positions

Visit the [Student Employment Office page](#) Click on the graphic: To View Current Student Positions Click Here!

You will be brought to this page: [Search Postings](#)

Under position type, highlight STUDENT

Click SEARCH to see all that is available

Typically, graduate students are eligible for self-help positions and assistantships.

Students may not work more than 25 hours per week for campus employers

Visit Career Services To Prepare for Employment - on campus or off!

Career Services

- Career Services has [liaisons](#) for each School or College. Make an appointment with the person that serves your program.
- See the article on HANDSHAKE on page 4 of this newsletter! Exciting changes are coming to students!

Upcoming Career Events

- Summer [Internship Photo Contest](#)- July 27
- Health Careers Fair - September 18
- College of Engineering & Technology Career Fair - October 17
- Fall Career Fair - October 17

Make sure you consult Career Services before your job search!



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ECU Transitions to Handshake, a New Career Management System

Handshake will be the new career database system replacing ECU CareerNET during Summer 2018. Handshake is a combination of some of the best tools on the web today, taken from services like Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. It's designed to help Career Services precisely target career information, internship & employment opportunities, and career related events to students' specific majors, degree types, and interests. Career Services is confident this new system will enhance the reach of employment opportunities to ECU students and alumni by offering customizable experiences within a user friendly virtual environment.

The transition to Handshake represents a significant milestone in the continuing evolution of Career Services and the way in which services are delivered to current students, alumni, employers, faculty and staff. ECU will be joining over 400 universities and colleges nationally and provide access to 200,000 employers within the

Handshake network. The new system will immediately increase the percentage of job postings accessible to ECU students and alumni over 450%.

During Fall 2018, ECU Career Services will be hosting *Handshake Launch Party* on August 28-30 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM in front of Dowdy Student Stores on East Campus near The Wright Place. At this event, free t-shirts will be provided to any students who stop by and sign up for a demonstration of Handshake.

To login, visit www.ecu.edu/career and click the student login link.



The Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement (CLCE)

The [CLCE](#) seeks to foster an environment where individuals learn about themselves and their community, take action through service, and advocate for lasting social change. The [CLCE](#) provides a variety of events throughout the year to help graduate students increase leadership skills, develop networking and professional relationships, and serve the community. From "alternative spring breaks" to the LeaderShape program to community service opportunities, there is something for all graduate students! Take advantage of these great opportunities to strengthen your overall graduate school experience.



SUMMER CAMPUS SERVICES

Summer Access To Rec Center & Student Health Service for Graduate Students

During Fall & Spring semesters, all graduate students enrolled in campus-based courses pay fees to access the Student Health Service and Campus Recreation & Wellness facilities (Student Recreation Center, Health Sciences Complex, North Campus Recreation Complex, etc.) You may not notice this fee because you are



looking at the bottom line - your balance in PiratePort which includes both tuition and fees. However, in the summer if a student is not enrolled in credit bearing courses, there are no fees for the student to pay because there is no "invoice" or "bill" from the university in your account. Many graduate students do not enroll in credit bearing courses

over the summer semester, yet are still on campus doing research or working in an assistantship. These student can access the facilities of Campus Recreation & Wellness and the Student Health Service; however, an access fee is required to continue access.

Camps Recreation & Wellness and the Student Health Service both have a summer option access fee for graduate students who want to continue to use these services in the summer months, despite not being enrolled in credit bearing courses. Currently, to access the Student Health Services in the summer, the student must have been enrolled in Spring prior, is already registered for Fall courses, and pays the access fee (\$30 for one visit, or \$60 for unlimited visits all summer). Similarly, graduate students can pay one fee (last year it was \$64) for three-month summer access to ensure continued use of recreation facilities during summer. There is typically a deadline for the summer access fee (around May 15) so please check now if you need summer access.

These campus services are fee-based for ALL students in campus courses and in Summer, because the student is not enrolled in campus-based courses, the fee is charged separately from tuition. But you can visit these offices and pay for summer access. If you have questions, please contact the services directly at [Student Health Service](#) 252-328-6841 or [Campus Recreation](#) 252-328-6387.

Rec Services Available for you!

Adventure Trips

Climbing Wall

Club Sports

[Campus Recreation & Wellness](#)

Student Health Service Information

[Medical Clinic](#)

[Student Health Insurance Plan](#)

[\(SHIP\)](#)

[Pharmacy](#)

["Waive Out of Insurance"](#)

[Student Health Services](#)



IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR STUDENTS

NERD NIGHT - Be there and be square!

Nerd Nite is a monthly event held in more than 100 cities across the globe during which several folks give 10-15 minute fun-yet-informative presentations across all disciplines. And, we are lucky that we have our very own Nerd Nite right here in Greenville!

•From the New York Times: Learn more about [Nerd Nite](#)

•From the Irish Times: Read more about the [value of using storytelling in communicating across disciplines](#)

The Greenville Nerd Nite team wants to invite YOU to come spend a fun summer evening with us learning how to give a great Nerd Nite talk, and to consider signing up to give a talk during the Fall 2018 semester! At our pilot Nerd Nite speaker workshop, we'll be going over how to

tell a compelling story that's sure to capture your audience's imagination!

Our summer workshop will take place on July 21st @7:30 PM at Tapped (650 East Fire Tower Road, Winterville, NC 28590).

If you're interested in participating with Nerd Nite in the coming Fall semester, please [sign up](#) to give a talk and indicate whether you'd be available to come to our summer workshop!

Want to keep up with all the nerdery? Follow Nerd Nite Greenville on Twitter ([@nerdnite252](#)) and Facebook ([Nerd Nite Greenville](#)) for updates on future Nerd Nites!

Be there and be square.

Questions? Contact Chequita Brooks, Greenville Nerd Nite Boss, at brooksch16@students.ecu.edu.

Thesis/Dissertation Submission Deadline for Summer Sessions

If you plan to graduate in Summer 2018 and need to submit a thesis or dissertation, the deadline is July 13. Deadlines for upcoming semesters can always be found on the [VIREO](#) website which is linked on the [Graduate School's Current Student page](#). Make sure to discuss these deadlines with your thesis/dissertation director to ensure a plan for graduation!

NEW FUNDING MAILING LIST FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

GRADFUNDING-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU

Many students are seeking assistantships, fellowships, or other funding opportunities and would like a mailing list specific to this person. Therefore, we have created gradfunding-l@listserv.ecu.edu. This GradFunding mailing list is an “opt in” list - meaning, you have to sign up for it yourself but also you can take yourself off it at any time. We will post assistantships, scholarships, fellowships, and other funding opportunities through this funding mailing list only. You will no longer receive these types of announcements on the Graduate Student listerv, which is the official listing of all graduate students and you cannot opt-out of that one.

To Subscribe to the GRADFUNDING-L:

1. Address an email to: listserv@listserv.ecu.edu.
2. No subject or signature file.
3. Type the message: SUBSCRIBE GRADFUNDING-L Firstname Lastname.
4. Replace Firstname and Lastname with your name.
5. Send the email.

To review other commands that are possible with ECU Listservs, check out the [Listserv Commands website](#). This is a moderated list, so posts will not appear automatically until they are reviewed by the Graduate School.