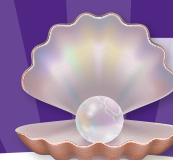


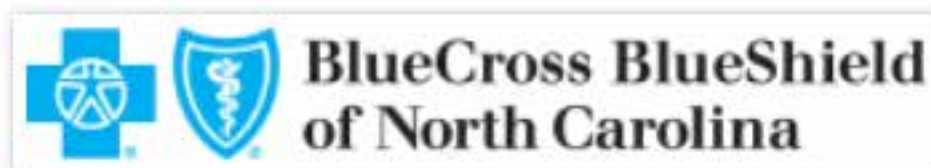
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## Change to Eligibility Requirements for Student Health Insurance for Graduate Students



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

[Thesis/Dissertation Boot Camp](#) is accepting applications still for the June session! Learn more on the Graduate School website and apply today!

[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

**MAY**  
**15** Last Day To Add/Drop Classes for Summer Session 1 or the 11-week Summer Session  
[Academic Calendar](#)

**MAY**  
**28** State Holiday - No Classes  
[Academic Calendar](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

**AUG**  
**20** Classes begin.  
Schedule changes allowed Aug 20-24

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

Academic Calendars are always found at [ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm](http://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.
- Review all of their services including resumes, cover letters, and interview preparation

### Upcoming Career Events

- NC Alumni Career Fair - May 16
- Onslow County Job Fair - May 16
- Summer Internship Photo Contest - July 27
- Learn more: [Career Services Event calendar](#)

Talk to your program director about assistantships in your department



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## **New Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientations - July 26 and Dec 13**

The Graduate School, along with campus partners such as the Registrar, Dean of Students, and ITCS, host an orientation for graduate students who will be new teaching assistants in an upcoming semester. These optional orientations are available towards the end of each semester so students can gather information prior to their first teaching assignment. Whether the teaching is in a studio, lab, online, or a traditional lecture-based class setting, the day-long workshop will help graduate students become acclimated to the services available and the procedures and processes of teaching undergraduate courses at ECU.

Graduate students are welcome to take this orientation several times, if needed. Any student is welcome! Registration is preferred so that enough materials can be prepared for each graduate student. Upcoming trainings and registration links can be found on the [Professional Development website of the Graduate School](#)

## **Thesis & Dissertation Resources**

Completing a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation is a pinnacle project for many graduate students. Thus, ECU has a variety of resources to assist graduate students in this endeavor. First, graduate students are encouraged to seek out the resources of the [University Writing Center](#). From planning to organizing and writing, the [UWC](#) can provide much needed support.

The University Libraries also have research librarians and other professional staff to assist students in a variety of ways. Graduate students can request help Joyner, Laupus, or the Music Libraries at the circulation desks or through the many online options on each library's website!

The [Graduate School](#) receives all theses and dissertations once completed. They are read by Graduate School leadership and then notification is submitted to the Registrar for notation on the transcript. Students in need of help with the electronic submission process should seek out the [VIREO](#) website and attend the [VIREO](#) workshops, or speak with the [scholarly communication librarian](#) for more help!

## **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

## Multi-Factor Authentication coming to ECU student email

ECU is instituting Multi-factor authentication (MFA) to student email. This means, when you log into your university email from off-campus, you will have an additional step (or steps) to authenticate your identity. Your ECU email account will require both your passphrase and a response from a phone to verify your identity when logging in from off-campus. You can set up your preferred method for MFA. You can request a phone call, a mobile phone text, or use the Microsoft Authenticator App on your phone.

Complete information is available at <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-itcs/office365/multi-factor-authentication.cfm> This website has several drop down purple menus that contain all of the information you need to fully understand and implement multi-factor authentication. Eventually, all student accounts will be enabled with MFA and you will be forced to set up this process. However, you can voluntarily implement the process on your account now. When you visit the multi-factor link, click on the "Enable Your Account Voluntarily" purple box and you will see instructions for how to do this. There are also

some Frequently Asked Questions on that page as well.

There are also printable instructions for you to use to set up your MFA: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-itcs/office365/upload/Multi-Factor-Authentication-Instructions.docx> If you have any questions about MFA, you can contact the [Help Desk](#) or visit one of the [Pirate Techs Support Offices](#) which are both on East Campus and in the Health Sciences Student Center on West Campus.

## Student Veteran Services - OFFICE IS MOVING TO MENDENHALL

Effective May 10, 2018, ECU's Student Veteran Services offices have moved from Brewster D107 to Mendenhall Student Center on East Campus. The move includes all SVS staff and the student lounge. The new office is on the 2nd floor of Mendenhall near the Great Rooms.

New offices are:

Nicole Jablonski, Assistant Director, MSC 233

Kim Treece, Vet Success Counselor, MSC 234

Lisa Brown, SVS Coordinator, MSC 254A

Student Veteran Services Lounge MSC 254

Questions? [vets@ecu.edu](mailto:vets@ecu.edu) or [jablonskin15@ecu.edu](mailto:jablonskin15@ecu.edu)

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