

STUDENT HEALTH POLICY

MBKU has a strong interest and concern for the health and well-being of all students. The University requires its students to carry sufficient accident and health care coverage from a carrier of their choosing because of the potential for unexpected health care expenses while enrolled as students. All students must provide proof of insurance no later than August 1 in order to enroll in Fall Quarter. The faculty, Program Director, and Medical Director cannot provide medical care for students in the program, except in emergency situations.

All California residents are required to have qualifying health insurance coverage throughout the year. Residents who fail to maintain coverage each month, could face a penalty at tax time, unless they qualify for an exemption. Generally, the penalty will be \$850 or more when you file your state income tax return.

There are several ways you can meet this requirement:

- a. You may be covered under your parents' policy
- b. You may be covered through your spouse's policy
- c. You may be covered by Medi-Cal
- d. You may be covered by a policy you have purchased for yourself

Note: If you plan on going out of state over summer breaks or on clinical rotations, please make sure that you have adequate coverage. Not all plans can be used outside of California. Insurance coverage is an expense that can be added to your financial aid budget / funding. Contact Financial Aid for more information. In California, you may seek coverage through www.coveredca.com (<https://www.coveredca.com>) or www.healthcare.gov (<https://www.healthcare.gov>).

Students may acquire communicable illnesses during the clinical phase. While enrolled in the program, students exposed to a communicable disease should be evaluated by a Health Care Provider as soon as possible. The Director of Clinical Education should be notified by telephone or email if the student has been advised by the site or medical provider not to participate in clinical activities or if other students need to be evaluated as a result of this exposure. At the discretion of the preceptor and/or in accordance with site policy, students may be asked to remain off-site until they are cleared to return by their medical provider. Students are required to make up lost time at the discretion of the Director of Clinical Education and in accordance with ARC-PA standards.

A student who has experienced a high-risk airborne exposure without appropriate protection, should follow the clinical sites' protocol and notify the preceptor and the Director of Clinical Education.