STUDENT WELLNESS

If you or someone you care about is in need of assistance, or could benefit from our services, please visit Student Wellness (http://www.sandiego.edu/wellness) for information on how to access services, or call us to discuss your concerns. All of the wellness services are confidential and available to enrolled students free of charge.

Center for Health and Wellness Promotion

The Center for Health and Wellness Promotion (CHWP) serves the USD student community through educational opportunities, prevention campaigns, campus-wide programs, assessment initiatives and individualized interventions. CHWP empowers students to make healthy choices and create a university climate conducive to the overall success and well being of the individual student and campus community.

Individual consultations and assessments leading to personalized recommendations and support are available on a variety of wellness matters (e.g. problematic drinking, smoking cessation, nutrition). Group services provide opportunities for students to obtain important wellness information, seek support from peers and enhance one’s ability to make healthy choices. CHWP also provides 12-step support services for students seeking to address substance dependence. A variety of student leadership opportunities are available through CHWP. Peer education groups serve the USD community by sponsoring education and outreach activities to promote healthy choices. Peer education efforts are focused on raising awareness of wellness issues affecting today’s college student. Peer outreach programs address sexual assault and the risks associated with problematic drinking, substance abuse and other related health behaviors and concerns.

CHWP provides students with access to web-based assessment tools that provide personalized information to students about risks associated with their individual health and wellness behaviors.

CHWP sponsors College Cab, a safe ride program that is funded through USD Associated Students. This program provides a safe ride to students who find themselves in any situation that places them at risk (e.g. being stranded for any reason, car trouble, wanting to leave an uncomfortable situation). For further details and regulations please visit the CHWP website.

CHWP Hours and Staffing: To schedule an individual appointment, workshop or training and/or for additional information about our programs and services, please call (619) 260-4618, stop by UC 161, or visit CHWP (http://www.sandiego.edu/chwp).

Counseling Center

During their time at the university, students navigate significant personal developments that can be intellectually, socially and emotionally taxing. Consistent with the university’s mission of holistic education, the University of San Diego Counseling Center (USDCC) engages in a broad range of services designed to support the personal and academic development of students. Professional psychologists, psychologists-in-training and a consulting psychiatrist employ brief treatment modalities to address students’ emotional and psychological needs as students work to realize their academic potential.

Counseling Services: Many students experience difficulties as they adjust to university life; stress, loneliness, anxiety, depression, body image concerns and relationship issues are common. Currently enrolled students may receive an assessment with recommendations for appropriate treatment and services. Depending on student needs and counselor availability, recommendations may include services provided by USDCC, services provided by other professionals on campus, or services provided by psychiatrists, drug/alcohol abuse specialists, psychologists, nutritionists or other professionals in the community. USDCC services are offered at no cost to students and may include individual or group counseling and psychiatric consultations.

Prevention and Education: The USDCC also stresses the importance of preventive educational interventions. In coordination with the Center for Health and Wellness Promotion, USDCC staff provides interactive presentations, workshops and other forms of educational outreach to students, parents, staff and faculty. These programs help maintain a campus climate that supports the optimal functioning of the diverse student population.

Psychological Consultation: Counselors are available to students, parents, staff and faculty for consultation on mental health issues. These consultations can occur by telephone or in person and can address any number of concerns, but often serve to help members of the campus community determine whether and how to make a referral to the USDCC.

Academic Consultation: Academic consultation is available to all students desiring to improve their academic performance. Counselors provide a variety of assessments and recommendations, including academic counseling, screenings for possible learning disabilities (coordinated through Disability Services), personal counseling and referrals for tutoring or peer academic support services. Help with test-taking strategies, time management, stress management and other coping skills are also available. Students on academic probation are particularly encouraged to use these services.

Hours and Staffing: The Counseling Center is located in Serra Hall, Suite 300. The hours of operation are Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; with extended hours on Wednesdays until 6 p.m. when classes are in session during the fall and spring semesters.

Walk-in hours are from 11 a.m.–3 p.m., Mondays–Fridays, with extended walk-in hours on Wednesdays until 5 p.m. when classes are in session during the fall and spring semesters. The Counseling Center can be reached at (619) 260-4655, or for more information visit USDCC (http://www.sandiego.edu/usdcc). For after-hour emergencies, the counselor on-call can be reached by calling the Department of Public Safety at (619) 260-2222.

Disability and Learning Differences Resource Center

The Disability and Learning Differences Resource Center (DLDRC) provides specialized resources and services to enrolled students with documented disabilities and/or learning differences. These services include academic accommodations, disability management counseling and coordinating with other departments (e.g. housing, parking, public safety) to provide assistance.

To receive support from DLDRC, students must first contact our office and submit valid documentation. For each type of disability, there are specific requirements that must be met for documentation to be considered valid. These requirements are described at Disability Services (http://www.sandiego.edu/disability).

Once the disability has been verified by DLDRC, each request and/or recommendation for an accommodation is examined on a case-by-case basis and is implemented with consideration of the student’s present needs, supporting documentation and the core requirements of each class. It is the goal of Disability Services to promote maximum student independence.
Our office also offers consultation to students with temporary disabilities (e.g. physical injuries such as broken limbs, etc.) and to students who have health-related dietary restrictions.

If you are a student who would like to be considered for academic accommodations, please follow the instructions under Requesting Services (http://www.sandiego.edu/disability/services).

Student Health Insurance Plan

All University of San Diego undergraduate and graduate full-time students are required to carry health insurance. This requirement ensures that students in need of health and/or mental health care beyond the scope of services provided at USD by the on-campus Wellness Units, can access the appropriate resources in the community.

When students access their Student Bill for the Fall semester they will notice a charge for the USD sponsored Student Health Insurance Plan on their Student Account. Students will have the option of accepting coverage or waiving the charge if they are already have health insurance. To waive coverage students just have to answer a few simple questions online regarding their current insurance to remove this charge.

For more information about the USD sponsored Student Health Insurance Plan and how to waive or accept, visit Student Health Insurance Plan (http://www.sandiego.edu/healthinsurance).

Student Health Center

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Wednesday; 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. (closed 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.).

The Student Health Center (SHC) is available for all students attending the University of San Diego. High-quality and convenient outpatient medical care is provided for acute illness, minor injuries and other on-going medical problems. Preventive care, including well-woman and well-man check-ups, study abroad physicals, immunizations and health education is also available. The clinic staff includes physicians, nurse practitioners, a physician assistant, nurses, medical assistants and administrative support staff. Students may make advance appointments for preventive care. Students may make same-day or advance appointments, or may be “triaged” by a registered nurse, who will assess the student’s condition and determine the need for urgent attention by our medical staff. A nurse practitioner/physician assistant/physician is available to answer urgent health questions after hours, weekend and holidays and can be reached via Public Safety at (619) 260-2222. Emergency Care is not within the scope of services offered by the Student Health Center. For medical emergencies off-campus, dial 911. For on-campus emergencies, call public safety at (619) 260-2222.

If you are a student, there is no fee to be seen by a healthcare provider at the Student Health Center. However, diagnostic exams and minor procedures, such as electrocardiography (ECG), cryotherapy, suturing or laboratory work, require a minimal fee that is payable by check, credit card, or CampusCash directly to the Health Center at the time of service. In addition, many low-cost prescription and over-the-counter medications are available for purchase at the Health Center. Students have the option of obtaining and paying for these services at the Health Center, or being referred to other facilities or pharmacies in the community. Students that need X-rays or lab work that are not available at the Health Center will be referred to nearby off-site locations. Student Health Center providers can also make referrals to specialists in the community. Students enrolled in the USD sponsored Student Health Insurance Plan reduce their out-of-pocket costs when seeking care at the Student Health Center (http://www.sandiego.edu/healthcenter) and obtaining a referral before seeking care from a community provider.

All students are encouraged to have medical insurance coverage that has a minimum benefit for emergency care, as this is NOT provided via student fees. Students should also be aware of whether they have a pharmacy benefit. Although the SHC does not provide insurance billing, a receipt for services can be provided for the student to submit. The university is not responsible for provision or cost of medical care rendered off campus. The Student Health Center is located in Maher Hall, Room 140. For more information, please call (619) 260-4595, or visit Student Health Center (http://www.sandiego.edu/healthcenter).