

Effective 9/26/2016

The Caltech Student Health Center will no longer provide specific medical excuse notes for coursework or to excuse absences for health-related reasons.

All students seeking care at the Health Center will be evaluated for active illness and associated severity, and offered appropriate treatment.

Students seen at the Health Center may request a statement confirming their attendance at a Health Center clinical appointment. It is the responsibility of each student to seek healthcare services in a timely fashion, and to communicate with professors/TAs at the onset of a minor illness that impedes the student's short-term ability to attend class or submit an assignment on time. The decision to offer an extension or other accommodation will be left to the discretion of each professor/TA.

As is currently the case for students who present with moderate to severe, active illness and may need extensions or excused absences for multiple courses or for an extended period, the Health Center staff will obtain students' permission to communicate with the undergraduate Dean of Students office to facilitate these requests.

Health Center practitioners are unable to facilitate help with accommodations for students who report having moderate to severe illness but do not present for healthcare services when actively ill.