

The University of New Mexico
STUDENT HEALTH & COUNSELING (SHAC)

MISSION STATEMENT & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Mission Statement

Student Health & Counseling (SHAC) provides quality healthcare to foster student success.

Guiding Principles

- I. Student Health & Counseling (SHAC) provides a range of services designed for the University students. A primary goal is to guarantee access to SHAC for currently-enrolled students.
- II. SHAC is vigilant to identify health problems and intervene as early as possible. We will encourage students to obtain optimal health, remain in school, and achieve academic success.
- III. Student Health & Counseling is particularly sensitive to those students at high risk for attrition. We will assist all students, including disabled students, returning students, and ethnic minorities, in identifying and overcoming those health barriers that could hinder their academic success.
- IV. Student Health & Counseling will creatively manage limited physical and financial resources to meet the changing needs of University of New Mexico students.
- V. Student Health & Counseling will continuously assess and actively seek input from students, staff, and others in the University community regarding health needs of students, and systematically obtain feedback for program development and evaluation.
- VI. Student Health & Counseling will review, evaluate, and revise policies and practices to improve our ability to serve a multicultural population.
- VII. Student Health & Counseling will continue to offer primary prevention outreach programs to the University community.
- VIII. Student Health & Counseling will strive to fully integrate all aspects of health care into a cohesive “one-stop” service.
- IX. Student Health & Counseling will promote staff development that enhances staff ability to implement Student Health & Counseling mission.
- X. Student Health & Counseling will participate in training programs for health professionals to maintain current knowledge and skills and keep abreast of new developments.
- XI. Student Health & Counseling will assist in the selection and enrollment of a comprehensive and affordable Student Health Insurance plan as an option for University of New Mexico students.
- XII. We will promote and support the cultural competence of all individuals with respect to race/ethnicity, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, disability, religion, or other identity.
- XIII. Student Health & Counseling will hold itself accountable to the high standards articulated in the “Recommended Standards for a College Health Program” issued by the American College Health Association.