Dear New Students:

Important Action Required Regarding Health Insurance – Please Read

1. Entrance Health Requirements

As an incoming student, if you plan to take two or more courses for any quarter you are enrolled at Northwestern University, you are required to complete Northwestern’s Entrance Health Requirements. Upon receipt of this letter, please visit the Northwestern University Health Service website at http://www.northwestern.edu/healthservice-evanston/. Under the heading “New Incoming Students,” you will find a link to “Entrance Health Requirements.” This webpage provides detailed instructions for completing Entrance Health Requirements. Students entering healthcare training programs (e.g. Medical, Prosthetics-Orthotics, Physical Therapy, Communication Sciences and Disorders, etc.) are expected to meet more stringent immunization requirements (details on website).

There are deadlines for compliance with these requirements, which are listed on our website. Failure to comply with all health requirements by the respective immunization compliance deadline date will result in a $100 non-refundable late fee and a hold on your registration for subsequent quarters/semesters.

If you do not have Internet access or have questions regarding this process, please contact the Evanston campus Health Service Medical Records department at 847-491-2203 or 847-491-2117.

2. Health Insurance

Beginning in the 2016-2017 academic year, Northwestern will now require students in the Master of Science in Education Program to complete an annual enrollment confirmation or waiver in the Northwestern Student Health Insurance Plan (NU-SHIP) provided by Aetna Student Health. (This requirement does not apply to Certificate of Advanced Study students.)

Northwestern’s goal is to ensure that all students in degree-seeking programs have adequate health insurance during their time at the University. To this end, Northwestern has defaulted you into NU-SHIP coverage for the 2016-2017 plan year and you will need to take action in order to avoid being billed if you have alternate coverage and do not want the Northwestern student insurance plan.
After July 1, 2016, you will need to log-in to your CAESAR account and either confirm your enrollment in the NU-SHIP for 2016-2017 or waive the NU-SHIP with a plan offering comparable coverage. Please be aware that the system will presume that you are remaining enrolled in the Northwestern plan unless you complete a waiver with adequate alternative insurance (the requirements for alternative insurance have not changed for 2016-2017). If you do not take any action, you will remain enrolled in the NU-SHIP for 2016-2017 and your student account will be billed for the premium.

If you cannot afford your health insurance premium, please contact Financial Aid to determine what financial resources may be available to you.

More information on the NU-SHIP and the enrollment process can be found at the new student health insurance website www.northwestern.edu/student-insurance.

You will receive an additional reminder when the open enrollment window is active. We appreciate you taking action on this requirement as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Northwestern University Health Service