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## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE POLICY

Medical Certificates from the University of Toronto Student Health Services are provided for students who are currently ill or are presenting with an exacerbation of a chronic illness which is being managed by Health Services.

All students requesting a Medical Certificate for missed exams, labs, assignments, or other student projects will be required to be pre-screened by the nurse prior to seeing a physician.

If the student's situation does **not** fit with the policy, the student will be given a referral to the Registrar's office.

If the student's situation does fit with the policy, the student will see the doctor.

Please check policies within your own faculty about requirements for medical documentation, as providing an instructor with a medical certificate may not be sufficient to receive an exemption. For example, the Faculty of Arts and Science Calendar 2010-2011 states:

*The University of Toronto Student Medical Certificate must be submitted in support of a request for exemption from Faculty regulations, if illness is being used as the reason for the request. The claim of illness, however, is not sufficient grounds in itself to guarantee approval of the request...*

*Note that the physician's report must establish that the patient was examined and diagnosed at the time of illness, not after the fact. The Faculty will not accept a statement that merely confirms a report of illness made by the student and documented by the physician. (p. 574)*

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