



Dear Student,

Congratulations and welcome to the University of Rhode Island! We are excited to have you join the Ram Fam and look forward to supporting you with all your healthcare needs as you begin your URI journey.

The Dr. Pauline B. Wood Health Services, conveniently located in the Potter Building adjacent to the residence hall complex, is a comprehensive ambulatory health center nationally recognized through accreditation by The Joint Commission.

We welcome you and are here to support your health needs throughout the academic year. To better serve you, we will maintain an individual health record. It is essential to the quality of your care that you provide accurate and complete health information. To do so, you must register for and log in to our Patient Portal to submit required health forms. You can access the portal by visiting [web.uri.edu/healthservices/](http://web.uri.edu/healthservices/) and selecting the "Welcome New Students" menu, where detailed instructions are available.

The information you submit through the Patient Portal will become part of your permanent electronic health record and help ensure continuity of care. Please note that academic acceptance to the University is not contingent upon medical clearance. Your acceptance cannot be influenced in any way by your medical information, and all information you provide is strictly confidential.

Services provided by URI Health Services include ambulatory medical care, office visits, specialty clinics, allergy and immunization services, travel health services, psychiatric and behavioral health services, pharmacy services, and on-site X-ray and laboratory services. Our Health Promotion & Wellness department also offers health education programs, nutritional services, and counseling. More information is available at [web.uri.edu/healthservices/](http://web.uri.edu/healthservices/).

All full-time and international students are required to have health insurance. A health insurance charge has been added to your tuition bill. If you have comparable coverage, you may waive this charge. Please visit [web.uri.edu/healthservices/](http://web.uri.edu/healthservices/) and click on the "Insurance and Waivers" menu for more details.

We are excited to welcome you to the URI community. Our electronic health record system is designed to better meet your health and wellness needs, offering features such as appointment scheduling, self-check-in, and secure communication through the patient portal.

On behalf of our staff, we extend our best wishes for a healthy, enjoyable, and rewarding educational experience at the University of Rhode Island.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to schedule a tour of our facility, please contact Health Services.

Sincerely yours,

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