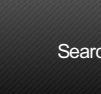




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Health Services changes hours

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Offices in the Human Services building have changed their hours for the duration of summer session-along with many other offices on campus

Beginning May 7, all offices are open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday.

According to Lynette Drake, Director of Health Services, approximately one-third of health services staff has been laid off due to the reduced amount of students on campus.

"Instead of seven nurses, we have two," Drake said. "We have three of six providers. We have one lab during the summer."

Drake said hours of operation have changed and the number of staff has been reduced, but the services will remain available for students on campus.

There are some other differences, Drake said.

"Visitors to campus for sponsored (events) are eligible to use the clinic," Drake said. "We have a non-student rate. We will start to see camp and conference students as soon as they start coming."

This non-student rate also applies to Eastern students who are not currently enrolled in summer classes. Students enrolled in classes are covered with health services through a fee they pay with their tuition.

"The non-student would pay a fee for labs and pharmacy," Drake said.

Drake says Health Service sees fewer students during the summer. When the athletes return in the fall semester, however, Health Services will give them the physical exams they need.

Linda Moore, director and career advisor for Career Services, offers career counseling and assessments to Eastern students.

Located in the Human Services building, Career Services will also keep the campus-wide hours for the summer session.

"Students use the service in the summer because they are on campus, access is easier than during the regular academic year," Moore said. "It helps students, especially EIU athletes, to prepare more adequately during a time that is not filled with other commitments."

Katherine McCarthy, licensed independent clinical social worker in the Counseling Center, said they are able to accommodate students during the summer session.

"Students use this service in the summer if they are enrolled in summer classes and will be on campus and are in need of services," McCarthy said. "There is no change for our services from the regular school year to summer."

The counseling center is available 24 hours a day if students have a crisis they cannot solve on their own. The phone number for the crisis pager is 217-348-2909.

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