

# Health District Protocol for International Students with Specific Health Issues

The University of Granada and the Granada Health District have jointly established the following protocol to regulate access to healthcare for international university students with specific health problems.

The aim of this protocol is to address the healthcare needs of international students enrolled at the University of Granada in a coordinated manner between both institutions (Granada Health District and the University of Granada), in accordance with the following criteria:

1. The target group will include:
  1. University students who come from countries outside the European Union and/or European Economic Area who are in a disadvantaged socio-economic situation.
  2. Students who are beneficiaries of bilateral healthcare agreements with Spain. These students must have a health condition requiring continuous medical treatment provided for in the "specific portfolio of services" for this group, established in previous meetings between the two institutions.
2. Students who, while studying at the University of Granada, are awarded a grant or scholarship by a public or private organisation that includes healthcare will not be entitled to this right.
3. Applications will be submitted to the Social Welfare Office (GAE) of the Vice-Rectorate for Student Services and Employability together with medical certificates accrediting the student's medical condition, documentation proving their socio-economic and family situation, their student card, and any other document that may be required.
4. In the event that the required medical documentation is not accredited, the medical services of the Granada Health District will be responsible for assessing the health status of the applicants.
5. Students who require healthcare due to pregnancy or the termination of a pregnancy must provide medical certificates accrediting their condition as well as their gestational age.
6. After assessing the applications, the social workers of the GAE will issue a written proposal for approval to the Granada Metropolitan Health District. (Applications will be sent by fax and the remaining documentation will be submitted personally by the student at the Citizen Services Office [Servicio de Atención a la Ciudadanía] at Av. del Conocimiento, 16, 18100 Armilla, Granada).
7. The duration of the "healthcare entitlement document" will coincide with academic periods (four-month periods or semesters) and will aim to ensure that students are not left without health coverage while in the process of arranging a bilateral agreement, private healthcare policy or

health insurance. However, the continuance of the provision of healthcare will be assessed after the end of the approved period.

8. Misuse or abuse of these healthcare services will lead to the forfeiture of the "healthcare entitlement document".
9. Both the coordinators of the Health District User Services Office [Servicio de Atención al Usuario] and those of the UGR Social Welfare Office (GAE) will meet at least twice a year to evaluate the results of this scheme.

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**Specific portfolio of services:**

- Pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum monitoring
- Voluntary termination of pregnancy
- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Chronic infectious and contagious diseases: HIV-AIDS, tuberculosis, leprosy, hepatitis, etc.
- Tropical diseases
- Rare or low prevalence diseases
- Mental health issues
- Asthma

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