

# Health Center reaccredited to ensure quality standards

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Suffering students can take consolation in the fact that they will get high-quality health care when they visit the University's recently reaccredited Student Health Center.

The three-year accreditation, given by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, means that the Student Health Center has met or exceeded all of the standards for quality health care established by the association.

The health center is one of the few student health centers in the United States to be accredited. There are less than 25 accredited university student health centers in the nation, said Eileen Meehan, assistant executive director for accreditation.

"It's sort of like a 'Good Housekeeping' seal of approval," she said.

The accreditation is basically a peer review of care given. The University health center passed the stringent accreditation standards with flying colors, Meehan said.

"Literally, they go through with a fine-tooth comb," said Robert Petit, the medical administrator at the health center. A team of highly trained examiners looked at medical records to determine the quality of medical care given as well as examining the physical facility and administrative records.

The examiners gave their summary report to the national committee, which then recom-

mended accreditation.

"They really felt that we have a good health center," Petit said.

The health center was accredited in 1983 after its first review by the examiners.

"It's quite an achievement to make a three-year term of accreditation on the first time," Meehan said.

The review is given on a voluntary basis at the invitation of the health center. It takes a lot of work to get ready for a review, Meehan said.

"We think accreditation is very important," said Dr. James Jackson, the health center director. "By meeting and/or exceeding the accreditation standards, the accreditation process helps us to continually review and improve the quality of care we provide for our University students. We feel that our patients are the ultimate benefactors from our participation in the accreditation program."

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