



# STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN (SHIP) QUICK GUIDE **Fall 2026**

The University of Texas at El Paso is pleased to offer the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas and administered by Academic Health Plans (AHP).

This insurance protects students at school, home, and while traveling or studying abroad.

The Plan includes comprehensive coverage compliant with the Affordable Care Act at the Gold level. Please [click here](#) to view Plan Highlights.

*\*Linked Information*

## Eligibility

All *international students* holding non-immigrant visas are required to purchase SHIP to complete registration, except for those students who provide proof of comparable coverage in writing.

All fee-paying *undergraduate students* at UT System taking **at least seven (7)** credit hours each semester, are eligible to enroll in SHIP.

All fee-paying *graduate students* enrolled in **at least four (4)** credit hours each semester, are eligible to enroll in SHIP.

### Other *voluntary students*

- Students working on research, dissertation, or thesis,
- Post doctorate,
- Scholars, fellows,
- Visiting scholars,
- ESL program students,
- Fast Track Degree Program students,
- Students who are deemed full-time by the campus Disability Services department, or other groups with reduced coursework that meet the criteria for exemption as defined and approved by UT System are eligible to enroll in SHIP.

Are EXEMPT from the above credit hour requirements. To verify your eligibility status, please contact AHP directly at (1-855-247-7587) or [help.ahpcare.com](https://help.ahpcare.com).



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### STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

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|                                 | Domestic Undergraduate Student                                          | International Undergraduate Student            | Domestic Graduate Student                                              | International Graduate Student                 | Health Sciences Student                        | Domestic Graduate Student Employee (GSE)                                                                                                                                                                       | International Graduate Student Employee (GSE) |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Eligibility Requirements</b> | Enrolled in <b>at least seven (7)</b> credit hrs. for the Fall semester |                                                | Enrolled in <b>at least four (4)</b> credit hrs. for the Fall semester |                                                |                                                | Enrolled in <b>at least four (4)</b> credit hours for the Fall semester & appointed to/and actively working a min. of 20 hrs./week for at least <b>4.5 months in a Graduate (Master's/Doctoral) Job Title.</b> |                                               |
| <b>Cost Coverage</b>            | <b>\$1,412.00</b><br>(08/15/2026 – 12/31/2026)                          | <b>\$1,412.00</b><br>(08/15/2026 – 12/31/2026) | <b>\$1,412.00</b><br>(08/15/2026 – 12/31/2026)                         | <b>\$1,412.00</b><br>(08/15/2026 – 12/31/2026) | <b>\$1,412.00</b><br>(08/15/2026 – 12/31/2026) | <b>\$0.00</b><br>(08/15/2026 – 12/31/2026)                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>\$0.00</b><br>(08/15/2026 – 12/31/2026)    |
|                                 | Automatic Enrollment                                                    |                                                |                                                                        | Automatic Enrollment                           |                                                | Automatic Enrollment                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                               |

### ENROLLMENT WEBSITES

#### Domestic, Undergraduate, and Graduate Students

[Academic Health Plans Enrollment](#)

Enrollment Period: July 15, 2026 – September 15, 2026

#### Domestic, Graduate Student Employees (GSE)

[SHIP Enrollment](#)

Enrollment Period: July 15, 2026 – September 9, 2026 (Fall Census Day)

#### International/ Undergraduate, Graduate, Graduate Student Employees & Health Science Students

Will be automatically enrolled in SHIP unless proof of comparable coverage is furnished through a [Student Waiver](#) (July 15, 2026 – September 22, 2026)

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|                         | Domestic Undergraduate Student                                                      | International Undergraduate Student               | Domestic Graduate Student                         | International Graduate Student                    | Health Sciences Student                           | Domestic Graduate Student Employee (GSE)          | International Graduate Student Employee (GSE) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Pediatric Dental</b> | Included with Student Health Insurance Plan<br>for Students/Dependents up to age 19 |                                                   |                                                   |                                                   |                                                   | <a href="#">UT SELECT Dental Plans</a>            |                                               |
| <b>Pediatric Vision</b> |                                                                                     |                                                   |                                                   |                                                   |                                                   |                                                   |                                               |
| <b>Adult Dental</b>     | <b>Cost Coverage</b>                                                                | <b>\$272.00/ yr.</b><br>(08/15/2026 – 08/14/2027) | <b>\$272.00/ yr.</b><br>(08/15/2026 – 08/14/2027) | <b>\$272.00/ yr.</b><br>(08/15/2026 – 08/14/2027) | <b>\$272.00/ yr.</b><br>(08/15/2026 – 08/14/2027) | <b>\$272.00/ yr.</b><br>(08/15/2026 – 08/14/2027) | <a href="#">Superior Vision Plans</a>         |
| <b>Adult Vision</b>     | <b>Cost Coverage</b>                                                                | <b>\$ 64.20/ yr.</b><br>(08/15/2026 – 08/14/2027) | <b>\$ 64.20/ yr.</b><br>(08/15/2026 – 08/14/2027) | <b>\$ 64.20/ yr.</b><br>(08/15/2026 – 08/14/2027) | <b>\$ 64.20/ yr.</b><br>(08/15/2026 – 08/14/2027) | <b>\$ 64.20/ yr.</b><br>(08/15/2026 – 08/14/2027) |                                               |

#### Domestic/International, Undergraduate, Graduate & Health Sciences

[Academic Health Plans Enrollment](#)

Enrollment Period: July 15, 2026 – September 15, 2026

#### Domestic/International, Graduate Student Employees (GSE)

[SHIP Enrollment](#)

Enrollment Period: July 15, 2026 – September 09, 2026 (Fall Census Day)