

## **Student Wellness Semester Fee**

We understand some students may question the inclusion of the Student Wellness Semester Fee on their bill. However, this fee is required for all undergraduate students enrolled in 6 or more credit hours and graduate students enrolled in 9 or more credit hours each semester.

The Student Wellness Fee funds the full operation of the Center for Student Wellness, which includes Counseling Services, Health Services, Health Promotion, and Student Advocacy and Trauma Support. By State law, the Center is classified as an auxiliary service, which means it receives no direct State funding and must fully support itself through collected fees. This makes the Student Wellness Fee essential to maintaining these essential student support services.

Even if you do not personally use every service, their availability benefits the entire campus by supporting student wellness, safety, and academic success. Many services, including counseling sessions, nurse visits, and nurse practitioner appointments are available at no additional cost, making this a significantly more affordable option than private healthcare or urgent care visits.

If you meet the credit hour threshold, the Student Wellness Fee is not optional. Students enrolled in fewer credits may choose to pay the fee voluntarily if they wish to access these services.

This fee ensures vital wellness resources are in place for you—and for the entire student community—when they are needed most. Should you have further questions about the reason for this fee on your tuition, please email [wuhealth@winthrop.edu](mailto:wuhealth@winthrop.edu) or call 803/323-2206.