

Policy Manual



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GENERAL STATEMENT

Broward College (“College”) may provide a Student Assistance Program to support the psychological and/or psychiatric counseling needs of College students. This service would be provided by specialists, employed by a contracted agency, who are specifically credentialed to provide such services. The contracted agency may also provide psychological assessments as requested or required of students by the College as part of an assessment of the students fitness to participate in educational activities, in accordance with College Policy and Procedure 6Hx2-5.02 – Student Code of Conduct.

THE POLICY AND THE STUDENT

All students who pay the Activity and Service fee may seek counseling services offered by the designated contracted provider for a designated number of visits to be provided free of charge. After the allotment of sessions, additional counseling services may be provided on a sliding fee scale, or students may be referred to other community agencies, or a very limited number of additional sessions may be provided on a discretionary basis . . . The College assumes no responsibility for the students’ satisfaction or the services provided by the outside provider. The College does not endorse its contracted vendor over other providers of similar services. Broward College international centers may offer mental health counseling at their discretion.

THE POLICY AND THE FACULTY AND STAFF

Faculty and staff may provide to students brochures and general information designated by the College that describes the program and services regarding the availability of the Student Assistance Program. Faculty and staff shall not refer individual students to receive mental health counseling. When a faculty or staff person believes that a student is in need of immediate intervention, this information should be immediately communicated to the dean of students or designee so that appropriate action can be taken to ensure the safety of persons and property.

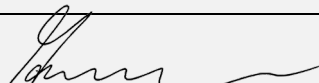
Faculty counselors shall not conduct mental health counseling regardless of their credentials to do such counseling but may provide information to students about mental health services provided by a vendor contracted by the College. As mental health counseling is not part of the job duties of faculty counselors, in accordance with section 768.28, Florida Statutes, the College shall not be liable for the acts of employees operating outside the scope of her or his employment, and faculty counselors may be held personally responsible for damages arising out of claim by an outside party for such unauthorized conduct.

IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT

The President has the authority to establish procedures to implement this policy. The Associate Vice Provost for Student Life & College Ombudsperson, under the direction of the Vice Provost for Student Services, is responsible for the implementation and oversight of policy compliance.

VIOLATION OF POLICY

Staff and non-represented faculty who violate this policy will be subject to discipline up to and including termination.

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Full-time Faculty who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination, as outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Trustees of Broward College and the United Faculty of Florida, Broward College Chapter.

DEFINITIONS

Student Assistance Program - Counseling program available to students to address emotional and mental disorders and promote psychological health through the use of scientific and applied behavioral science theories, methods, and techniques for the purpose of describing, preventing, and treating undesired behavior and enhancing mental health and human development.

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