

Confidentiality

Our counseling staff makes confidentiality, both within and outside the college, a primary concern. Your contacts with our services will not be discussed with anyone outside the Counseling Office without your permission, except in those rare instances where we are required by law or by a court order to reveal particular information. Record keeping is done for the counselor's use in order to be of maximum help to you. Again, our services are confidential; therefore there will be no disciplinary response to anything shared in counseling. The only exceptions to confidentiality are when we feel an individual is at harm to themselves or someone else. As required by law, specific information must be disclosed to appropriate officials when there are clear and imminent signs of danger or reports of child or elder abuse.

The counselor follows the professional ethics, laws, and guidelines that govern our discipline. When mental health issues warrant professional attention beyond that which the Counseling Office can reasonably provide, the counselor will assist students with appropriate off-campus referrals.

Also, all consultations are confidential. No information about the students we see or the concerns they discuss is entered on an official college record or released to others without the student's prior written consent.

Please feel free to discuss any questions you may have regarding our services or policies with your counselor.