

BUCOM Mental Health Services Policy

Policy Information			
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1. Purpose

- 1.1. To provide Baptist Health Sciences University College of Osteopathic Medicine (BUCOM) students seeking counseling and mental health services with access to diagnostic, preventive and therapeutic mental health services.

2. Policy

- 2.1. Psychiatric nurse practitioner and mental health services are provided to students enrolled at BUCOM. A health services fee is assessed to students each term to support these services.
- 2.2. Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner
 - 2.2.1. BHSU contracts Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner (NP) services for Baptist University students to assist students needing acute psychiatric and/or medication support.
 - 2.2.2. The NP provides support both virtually and in-person as requested with a set amount of visits per trimester per student for initial and follow-up care.
 - 2.2.3. The NP provides conference, professional consultation, and program support as mutually agreed upon with Baptist University's University Counselor.
 - 2.2.4. The NP keeps records on student clients through the NP's professional patient record keeping system, and will maintain ownership of these records.
- 2.3. Mental health services
 - 2.3.1. A clinical psychologist is on staff to assist students with diagnostic, preventive and therapeutic mental health services. The University clinical psychologist maintains regular office hours throughout the week, with availability after hours by appointment.
 - 2.3.2. The University provides additional psychiatric mental health services to students through CONCERN, an off-campus student assistance program for counseling needs. CONCERN counselors can be reached for appointments and are available 24/7 for emergencies.
 - 2.3.3. CONCERN also provides telehealth sessions and referral services.
 - 2.3.4. Students reach all CONCERN services by calling 901-458-4000.
- 2.4. On-campus counseling, psychiatric mental health services, and assistance through CONCERN are confidential and free of charge.

3. Definitions

- 3.1. None



4. Procedure

4.1 Students access mental health services through direct contact with provider.

4.1.1. Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner

Call/Text 901-574-0383. This number is used exclusively for BUCOM students.

4.1.2 Clinical Psychologist

Students can schedule appointments through the learning management system, Canvas, course entitled Office of the Clinical Psychologist. The office can be reached by phone at 901-572-2681. Students may also drop-in during office hours.

4.1.3 CONCERN Student Assistance Program

Call 901-458-4000

5. Related Information

5.1. Tuition and Fee schedule

5.2. Health Services Policy