



POLICY: Timely Access to Mental Health Services

Graduate students attending the PA Program undergo a rigorous academic schedule and frequently experience stress related to academics, personal issues, failure, loss, grief, interpersonal conflicts, and issues related to patient illness and death. All of these issues can provide overwhelming mental health issues that are beyond student self-help.

- In the event a **student needs help**, they can self-refer to counseling services.
 - During normal school hours, students may contact Counseling Services. Professional counselors in the Office of Counseling Services at Bryant University are here to help students cope with it all.
 - Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - Appointments are preferred and can be made by calling 401-232-6045 or stop by the office on the second floor of the Unistructure diagonally across from Faculty Suite H.
 - After school hours, students may utilize their mandatory health insurance to access mental health services available in the community. Referral can be made through Counseling Services, Health Services, or through the student's Primary Care Provider.
- In an **acute situation**, students can be referred urgently to Counseling Services through a peer or faculty member.
 - During normal school hours, students may be escorted to Counseling Services on the second floor of the Unistructure diagonally across from Faculty Suite H.
 - After school hours, students may be escorted to urgent mental health services available in the community.
- In an **Emergent situation** (the student is at risk or self-harm, or harming others) a peer, bystander, or faculty member should intervene only to stabilize the situation or protect the student from self-harm.
 - During normal school hours, anyone available should contact the Office of Public Safety emergency line at 401-232-6911.
 - After school hours, the student or anyone available should contact 911.

The Counseling Services Office offers resources and classes designed to help students manage the normal stressors of academia. The best strategy for students dealing with personal issues that may impact progressing in the PA Program is prevention. Students should not hesitate to utilize the Mental Health services prior to having an acute need. All services provided by Counseling Services are confidential. No reports are made to the PA Program and matters of counseling are never part of the University Record.

Counseling services provided by outside services are covered as essential health services under the University Health Plan as outlined in the student health policy.

There is a Student Support Network on campus that provides Peer Counselors available to provide help in an acute setting.

The CARE (Campus Assessment, Response, and Evaluation) Team is a team of appointed professionals responsible for identifying, assessing, and responding to concerns and/or disruptive behaviors by students who may threaten the health or safety of themselves or the campus community.

- Faculty, staff or students are asked to complete a “CARE Referral Form” when reporting behaviors of concern.
- https://banners.bryant.edu/banner/brycare.p_care_form

Enforced Medical Withdrawal

The University reserves the right to suspend a student temporarily from the institution for a psychological or medical condition when there is reason to believe they are a risk to themselves or others and/ or may disrupt the community. Such action by the Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students will be done with appropriate professional consultation, and normally after consultation with the student involved. These policies and procedures supersede all previous statements and policies with respect to student rights, responsibilities and disciplinary procedures.

The following Healthcare Facilities are available for acute and emergent mental health situations.

[Our Lady of Fatima Hospital](#)

200 High Service Avenue

North Providence, RI

(401) 456-3000

- Take a right onto Route 7 leaving the campus
- Follow Route 7 to Mineral Spring Avenue
- Take a right onto Mineral Spring Avenue
- At the top of the hill take a left onto Smithfield Road
- Follow to Our Lady of Fatima Hospital

[Roger Williams Medical Center](#)

825 Chalkstone Avenue

Providence, RI 02909

(401) 456-2000

- Take a right onto Route 7 leaving the campus
- Take 295S to Centerdale exit 7A
- Bear right on Route 44
- Follow Route 44 to River Avenue (approx. 7-8 miles)
- Take a right onto River Avenue
- Go to the next light and take a left onto Chalkstone Avenue

[Miriam Hospital](#)

164 Summit Avenue

Providence, RI

(401) 793-2500

- Take a right onto Route 7 leaving the campus
- Take a right onto Route 7 leaving the campus
- At lights, take a left onto Route 116
- Take a right onto route 146S
- Exit at Branch Avenue (exit following Mineral Spring Avenue)
- Take a left and go to the end (about 4-5 lights)
- Take a left onto North Main Street
- Follow blue and white hospital Signs

[Rhode Island Hospital](#)

593 Eddy Street

Providence, RI 02903

(401) 444-4000

- Take a right onto Route 7 leaving the campus
- At the light take a left onto Route 116
- Take 146S to 95S
- Take the Eddy Street exit 19 and bear right off the ramp to the hospital

Standard A.3.10 The program must have written policies that provide for timely access and/or referral of students to services addressing personal issues which may impact their progress in the PA Program.

ANNOTATION:

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