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I. PURPOSE

To establish the student referral process to Student Counseling Services.

II. POLICY

It is the practice and procedure of the Howard University Physician Assistant Department to provide access and referral for matriculating Physician Assistant students to University Counseling Services (UCS) when requested by the student or deemed necessary by Physician Assistant Program faculty.

The UCS supports the overall mental health and well-being of students through a variety of services. Services offered include one-on-one sessions with a counselor, group therapy sessions, and medication management based on the student’s needs, availability, and local and state guidelines on teletherapy and best standards of care.

III. DEFINITIONS

N/A

IV. PROCEDURES

1. Students may request to meet with faculty advisor or any program faculty to request a referral to University Counseling Services (UCS).

University Counseling Services

6th & Bryant Streets, NW


Washington, DC 20059

HUCounseling@howard.edu

202-806-6870

8:00am – 4:00pm

Crisis Line

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202-345-6709
After 4:00pm

2. Faculty will document request on student advisement form.
 - a. If a student reports suicidal ideations, program faculty will escort student to UCS or to the nearest emergency room, when possible. If not possible, campus security and/or EMS will be notified to escort student.
 - b. If student poses an immediate threat to themselves or others, campus security and/or EMS will be notified to escort student to UCS or to the nearest emergency room.

3. Upon arrival, students will meet with a staff member for an initial intake or consultation appointment.
 - a. This initial interview appointment (45 – 60 minutes) will determine the most appropriate services for the student.
 - b. The appointment is conducted via MS Teams (or phone when required). The intake interviewer will follow up within 1-3 business days the Tuesday after your intake/ consultation appointment.
 1. This Tuesday after time frame allows the UCS team to review the new cases weekly and assign them to an appropriate provider.
 - c. For emergent cases, initial consultation will be performed and assigned to a provider on the same day.

*****In the case of an emergency, please contact 911*****

Please note, spiritual guidance and support for students in need of ongoing spiritual assessment, coaching, and advising is available through:

Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel

6th & Howard Place, NW

Washington, DC 20059

Chapel@howard.edu

202-806-7280

8:30am – 5:00pm