City University of Hong Kong Psychological Counselling Service

Conditions for Service

Scope of Service
1. The Psychological Counselling Service is offered for current students on main campus who are studying a programme leading to:
   An Associate Degree, Degree or Postgraduate Degree Award of the following Colleges / Schools:
   - College of Business
   - College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
   - College of Science and Engineering
   - Jockey Club College of Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences
   - School of Creative Media
   - School of Data Science
   - School of Energy and Environment
   - School of Law
   - Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies

2. Counselling service will be offered within the office hours of the Student Development Services.

3. Counsellors will refer students to appropriate service providers inside or outside the University when conditions necessitate.

4. Counselling aims to help the student to have a better understanding of their cognition and emotion as well as the problems they are facing; to explore possibilities in life and to develop their inner strength so that they can lead a more fulfilling and rewarding life. Counsellor will not involve in matters related to assessment of student’s suitability for continuation of study, internship and placement, exchange study or other non-academic endeavors.

Format of Counselling
To have a complete understanding of the student, counselling will be offered in the format of a face-to-face encounter in the counselling room of Student Development Services. Neither telephone nor on-line counselling will be provided.

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Confidentiality
Information disclosed by the student on the registration form and in the counselling sessions will be kept strictly confidential, except under the following circumstances wherein confidentiality may need to be compromised or disclosed:

i. The student is in serious danger of harming himself/herself or other people; or
ii. The information is required by Court Order; or
iii. Written consent is obtained from the student.

Termination of Counselling
Under the following circumstances, counselling will be terminated:

i. The student study status has expired
ii. The counselling goal has been fulfilled; or
iii. The student might be better served by another party (e.g. student needs longer treatment, student is not eligible for the service); or
iv. Counselling cannot be conducted effectively due to
   ■ continuous disruptive behavior displayed by the student in the counselling sessions
   ■ demands for services out of the scope of counselling by the student
   ■ lack of consistency in attending counselling appointments, e.g. frequent absence.

Storage of Information
All the information related to the students will be destroyed 5 years after graduation.

Registration for Counselling and Updating of Information
Student in need can make an appointment with a counsellor through SDS counter in person or by phone at 3442 8478 during the SDS’s office hours (Mon–Fri: 9:00 am – 12:45 pm & 2:00 - 5:30 pm). Before the first counselling session, the student has to complete a Personal Counselling Registration Form providing true and updated personal details. Such information will be updated at the beginning of every academic year and upon notice of the student throughout the counselling period.

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