



Student's Name (printed)

Student ID Number

Counseling Client Information Consent Form

COUNSELING is a confidential process designed to help you address your concerns, come to a greater understanding of yourself, and learn effective personal and interpersonal coping strategies. It involves a relationship between you and a professional counselor who has the desire and willingness to help you accomplish your individual goals. Counseling involves sharing sensitive, personal and private information that may at times be distressing. During the course of counseling, there may be periods of increased anxiety or confusion. The outcome of counseling is often positive; however the level of satisfaction for any individual is not predictable. Your counselor is available to support you throughout the counseling process.

Confidentiality:

All interaction with Counseling Services, including scheduling or or attendance at appointments, content of your sessions, progress in counseling, and your records are confidential. No record of counseling is contained in any academic, educational or job placement file. You may request in writing that the counseling staff release specific information about your counseling to persons you designate.

Exceptions to Confidentiality:

- 1). The counseling staff works as a team. Your counselor may consult with other counseling staff to provide the best possible care. These consultations are for professional and training purposes.
- 2). If there is evidence of clear and imminent danger of harm to self and/or others, a counselor is legally required to reports this information to the authorities responsible for ensuring safety.
- 3). Wisconsin state law requires that staff of Counseling Services who learn of, or strongly suspect, physical or sexual abuse or neglect of any person under 18 years of age must report this information to county child protection services.
- 4). A court order issued by a judge may require the Counseling Services staff to release information contained in records and/or require a counselor to testify in a court hearing.

We appreciate prompt arrival for appointments. Please notify us if you will be late. Twenty-four hour notice of cancellation allows us to use the time for others.

There is no fee for counseling services at Madison College. If you are referred off campus to health, mental health or substance abuse professionals, you are responsible for their charges.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read the above information and if I have any questions I will discuss them with my counselor. I understand the risks and benefits of counseling, the nature and limits of confidentiality, and what is expected of me as a client of Counseling Services. I give my permission to the Madison College Counseling Department to provide counseling services to me.

Client Signature

Counselor Signature

Date:

Submit by Email