

Disability Services

Who is eligible for disability services?

Any enrolled EWC student with a limitation that substantially limits one or more major life activities, such as walking, learning, and performing manual tasks, is eligible for disability accommodations. Students requesting services and accommodations are encouraged to register by submitting an application and disability documentation provided by a licensed/certified professional.

Where do students register for disability services or accommodations?

The Edward Waters College Counseling Center is the office responsible for determining eligibility and appropriate reasonable accommodations for EWC students with disabilities. We assist the college in fulfilling its legal responsibilities mandated by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. These laws require institutions to provide equal access and physical access to educational programs for qualified students with disabilities. The student is responsible for being a self-advocate and registering for accommodation with the Counseling Center.

What is the process for a student to register for disability services?

A student is eligible for accommodations if he/she is a person with a disability (to include temporary disability), has identified themselves to the Counseling Center, and has presented disability documentation provided by a licensed/certified professional to the college as required by the Counseling Center based on documentation guidelines.

Upon approval for accommodations, the student will be contacted for an intake interview. The student is responsible for delivery of letters to faculty/staff.

Types of Accommodations (not limited to):

- Extended test time at 1x or 2x
- Note taker
- Minimal distraction environment
- Reader and/or scribe
- Early notification of assignments
- Hearing modifications
- Visual modifications



BEHAVIORAL SIGNS

- Threatens to harm themselves or others
- Appears tired, sleeps in class/job, is not motivated
- Grades or work performance consistently declines
- Test performance or work quality is poor
- Excessively angry or confrontational
- Openly discusses personal problems
- Difficulty communicating to individuals
- Excessive absences



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency Number	911
EWC Campus Safety	904.470.8888
Counseling Center's Cell (After hours)	904.514.6769
Dean of Students	904.470.8212
Health Service Coordinator	904.470.8128
Schell-Sweet Community Center (On Campus)	904.470.8933
Taxi Service –Checker Cab/Shuttle	904.345.3333
Jacksonville Transit Authority	904.630.3181
Women's Center of Jacksonville	904.722.3000
Hubbard House (Domestic Violence)	904.354.3114
Men Against Violence Against Women	904.354.3114
Duval County Health Department	904.253.1250 904.253.1620
Jacksonville/Duval County Suicide Crisis Helpline	800.715.4225

For Mental Health Services and other resources, please contact our office at 904.470.8231/8990 or stop by to see us!



COUNSELING CENTER

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ABOUT OUR SERVICES

MISSION:

To assist Edward Waters College's students in achieving their personal, educational, and career goals. The Counseling Center is an integral part of the College's total learning environment. The Counseling Center provides students with a safe environment where personal concerns can be openly explored and discussed with professional counselors.

LOCATION:

We are located in George N. Collins Student Union Building, 1st Floor.



HOURS OF OPERATION:

We have full-time counselors who are available Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Services are available by appointments and walk-ins. Services are available to all members of the campus community. There are no fees or charges for use of services.

WHAT IS COUNSELING?

Everyone needs someone to talk with at times. Counseling is a growth process through which students are helped to do the following:

- Define goals;
- Make decision; and,
- Solve problems related to personal, social, academic, and career concerns. Counselors help students to resolve personal and educational concerns.

All counseling is personal counseling but with different focused concerns. Regardless, each individual and each case is dealt with understanding, objective, and non-judgmental.

HOW DO I KNOW I NEED COUNSELING?

If the difficulties that you are having in life are impacting your ability to concentrate, relate to others, maintain a healthy lifestyle, or cope in general, then seeking counseling is an option to consider. This does not mean that there is something "wrong" with you if you do seek counseling. One of the healthiest decisions is to acknowledge that there is a problem and take the first step.

TYPES OF SERVICES:



Domestic Violence Walk

- ◆ Individual and Group Counseling
- ◆ Referral Services
- ◆ Free and Confidential HIV Testing
- ◆ Workshops/Seminars
- ◆ ACT Residual Testing
- ◆ Disability Services
- ◆ Online Self-Assessments
- ◆ Relaxation Room

THINGS TO EXPECT

- Ways to effectively cope with your situation
- Talking about your problems in a safe and non-judgmental environment
- Support from an objective and caring person
- Help in determining healthy and safe alternatives
- When no one else will listen, counselors are there to help you with a caring ear
- Realizing you are not alone with your problems
- Most problems are solvable

THINGS NOT TO EXPECT

- "Magical" solutions
- Judgmental attitudes
- Having the counselor "fix" the problem for you

PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Counselors are required and must keep all information and records maintained by the College that is related to counseling services confidential. Counselors are required to abide by College rules as well as by law to break confidentiality, if:

- Their client threatens to harm themselves or someone else;
- There is knowledge of sexual or physical abuse to a child; and/or,
- There is a court order mandating that the office release records.

If there are any questions regarding confidentiality, please feel free to discuss this with your Counselor.

REFERRALS

Students can be referred to the Counseling Center for individual counseling. Individuals who are hostile, suicidal, and/or addicted to drugs and alcohol are immediately referred outside the Center.

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After Hours

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