

### Palo Alto College

## **COUNSELING SERVICES**





#### PERSONAL COUNSELOR

Achieving success in college comes with many challenges. Personal counselors help students reach their academic and career goals by providing positive solution-focused support.

#### Work with college students to:

- Identify goals and potential solutions to problems
- Improve communication
- Strengthen self-esteem and build confidence
- Promote optimal health and wellness
- Support academic success
- Help with life planning
- Improve time management skills
- Teach coping skills for anxiety and depression
- Help with work/school/life balance

#### **COUNSELING SERVICES PROVIDED**

- Short-term personal counseling
- Crisis intervention
- Referrals to campus and community resources
- Academic and personal skills coaching
- Workshops and presentations on various mental health topics

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

- Student Center Room 100
- Monday—Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 210-486-3750
- Pac-counselor@alamo.edu
- Also available at student-focused events on campus

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS





### WHO MAY USE COUNSELING SERVICES?

Currently enrolled students may meet with a counselor for up to three sessions per topic. There is no limit for group sessions or other events.

Consultation services are also available to faculty and staff with student concerns.

### HOW DO I MAKE AN APPOINTMENT?

There are three ways to make an appointment:

- Call 210-486-3750
- Email pac-counselor@alamo.edu
- Stop by the office during business hours

#### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

Services are free to currently enrolled students.

### HOW LONG DO SESSIONS LAST?

Typically each appointment lasts about an hour. When you schedule your first appointment, you may be asked to arrive a few minutes early to complete some background information.

### WHAT KINDS OF GROUPS ARE OFFERED?

Counseling Services offers groups and presentations on a variety of topics:

- Relationships
- Family dynamics
- Finding your life work
- Managing stress
- Goal setting & time management
- Returning adults

# WHAT CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED IN COUNSELING?

Students come in to Counseling Services for all areas of focus. Below is a list of some of them:

- Academic performance
- Adjustment to college
- Anxiety or panic attacks
- Cutting/self-injury
- Dating/loss of relationship
- Depression/mood swings
- Career indecision/gaining selfknowledge
- Time management and life planning

If a person is an immediate threat to themselves or someone else, or is incapable of caring for themselves, please call 210-485-0911 (on campus) or 911 (off campus).

