Flourishing Consultation for Students' Academic Achievement



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Introduction

Procrastination, stress, and sleep significantly hinder college students' academic performance 1,2

To address these academic impediments, we offered brief oneon-one educational consultations with a Health Promotion Specialist.

These consultations combine previous independent consultations, which covered stress management and sleep habits that took place from 2021 to 2023.

These sessions provided evidence-based strategies and tools to enhance academic achievement and wellbeing^{3,4}

Launched in Spring 2024, the program served as an interim support for students awaiting longer-term Wellness Coaching.

Purpose: Identify the benefits and areas of opportunities and scaling of one-time educational consultations within the topics of stress management & mindfulness, time management, and sleep habits, or similar.

Program Logistics

Funding Source: tuition-based student health fees; no additional cost to students.

Wellness Topics: time management & procrastination, stress management & mindfulness, or sleep habits.

Session Duration and Frequency: One session for 45 minutes.

Strategies & Resources

In paper-based format (e.g., handouts and worksheets) and online format:

- Time Management & Procrastination (Backward Planning)
- Stress Management (Self-Care Toolbox)
- Sleep Habits (Sleep Diary)



Review handouts and apps used in the consultation using the QR code.

Program Structure

Book an appointment online at the GatorWell website.

• **Pre-assessment:** Tailored to focus/health topic, short survey (5-8 min) hosted on Qualtrics; student completed before consultation. The assessment helps coaches to prepare for the appointment (material and education).

The structure of the consultation was as follows:

Logistics

 Define the aim of the flourishing consultation, mentioning the time frame, length of the appointment and confidentiality (Title IX).

Foundatio

 Analyze the assessment and define the focus/ topic of the consultation.

Learning Outcomes • Define the outcome of the consultation.

Exploration & Practice

Based on education and practice.

Accountability Identify intrapersonal and interpersonal sources of accountability.

Support & Resources

 Identify sources of support and resources to facilitate goals and action steps.

Summarize

• Revise goals, potential follow-up, and action steps.

Post-assessments were emailed to students two weeks after the consultation and were the same as the preassessment.

Program Benefits and Future Direction

Program Benefits

- Supported more than 40 students (2024-2025)
 - Pre-assessment: 46 responses
 - March 2024-April 2025
 - Post-assessment: 3 responses
 - April 2024-January 2025
- Opportunities for scaling up or down.

Program Challenges

- Assessment: linking to academic success, overall wellness, and progress on behavior change goals.
- Ongoing program capacity: meeting demand
- Completion rates for the post-assessment evaluation.

Future direction

- Reframe and improve the session's content, structure, and evaluation.
- Train more staff to provide consultations.
- Collaborate with other resources and services at the university (Disability Resource Center, Counseling and Wellness Center, Student Health Care Center, etc.).

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