

Southern Arkansas University Tech
Personal Counseling Services
Limits of Confidentiality

Counseling services provided by the Counselor at SAU Tech are confidential. No information can be shared with another party without the written consent of the student/client. It is the policy of this office not to release any information about a student/client without a signed release of information. There are exceptions to this:

Duty to Warn and Protect

When a client discloses intentions or a plan to harm another person, the counselor is required to warn the intended victim and report this information to the legal authorities. In cases in which the client discloses or implies a plan for suicide, the counselor is required to notify legal authorities and make reasonable attempts to notify the family of the client.

Abuse of Children and Vulnerable Adults

If a client states or suggests that he or she is abusing a child (or vulnerable adult) or has recently abused a child (or vulnerable adult), or a child (or vulnerable adult) is in danger of abuse, the counselor is required to report this information to the appropriate social service and/or legal authorities.

Court Orders

Counselors are required to release records of students/clients when a court order has been issued for such records. In the event in which someone from this office must contact a student/client for purposes such as appointment cancellations or reminders, or to give/receive other information, efforts are made to preserve confidentiality. Please list where you can be reached by phone and the other qualifiers.

HOME _____ Yes ___ No

Phone # _____ How should we identify ourselves? May we use office name?

WORK _____ Yes ___ No

Phone # _____ How should we identify ourselves? May we use office name?

OTHER _____ Yes ___ No

Phone # _____ How should we identify ourselves? May we use office name?

I agree to the above limits of confidentiality and understand their meanings and ramifications.

Student/Client Name

Date

