

Mental Health Resources at Tech

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"A state of well -being in which the individual realizes his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community 1"

World Health Organization

- At least 30% of GT students suffer from depression or anxiety²
- Suicide attempts at GT rose from 5.9% to 9.5% between 2014 to 2017³



Signs and Symptoms

Depression:

 Lack of energy, difficulty concentration, agitation, loss of interests, trouble sleeping, feelings of worthlessness, suicidal ideation

Anxiety Disorders:

Avoiding situations, unrealistic worry, racing or blank mind, panic attacks

Psychosis:

Losing touch with reality, delusions, thinking difficulties, social withdrawal

Substance Abuse:

 Compromising other important aspects of life, dependence, tolerance, problems with withdrawal

Eating Disorders:

 Changes in food preferences, excessive exercise habits, binge eating, dieting behaviors, weight loss, body dissatisfaction, vomiting

No such thing as "not sick enough"



Step-Care Model – GT's Protocol to Get Help

Step 1

GT CARE Assessment and Plan

Step 2

 Follow-Up Consultation, Referral to Campus Resources, Life Skills Workshops, or Referral to Community Specialists

Step 3

 Short-Term Individual Counseling, Couples Counseling, Group Counseling, or Testing and Assessment



GT CARE

- Walk-in only intake center
 - 8:00am-4:00pm Mondays-Fridays
 - Smithgall (Flag) Building 102B, 1st Floor
 - (404) 894-3498 during business hours
- Allow for 30 minutes
- MUST go here before Psychiatry/Counseling
- Not needed if seen in GTCC in past 6 months
- Click for more info



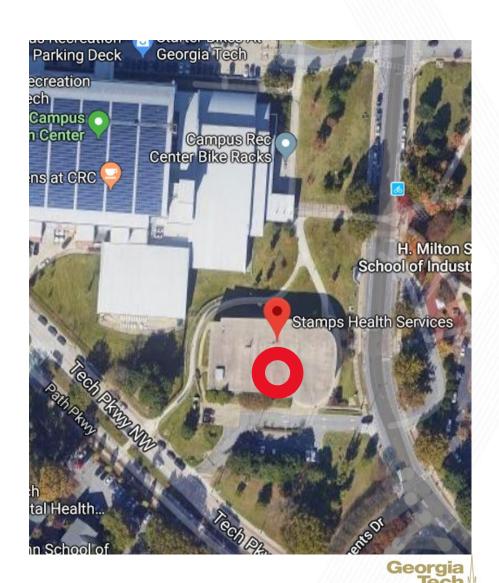
GT Counseling Center (GTCC)

- Smithgall (Flag) Building 238, 2nd Floor
- 8:00am-5:00pm Mondays-Fridays
- (404) 894-2575 during business hours
 - After hours: dial same # or CARE's # and ask for afterhours counselor
 - May also call GTPD at (404)-894-2500
- Offers a variety of free services:
 - Individual therapy
 - Group therapy, via andysmith@gatech.edu
 - Couples therapy
 - Click for more info



Psychiatry

- 275 5th Street, in Stamps Health Services
 - 8:00am-5:00pm Mondays-Fridays
- (404) 894-2585 to make an appointment
- Fees:
 - \$50 for new patients
 - \$25 for follow -up
- Arrive 10 minutes prior to appointment
- ADHD Treatment referred off-campus
- Click for more info



Crisis

At Tech

- Not currently a patient at GTCC:
 - (404) 894-3498
 - Walk-in to CARE during business hours
- Currently a patient of GTCC:
 - (404) 894-2575
 - Walk-in to GTCC during business hours
- After hours:
 - dial either CARE or GTCC and ask for after-hours counselor
- GTPD:
 - (404) 894-2500 for any crisis

External (24/7)

- Georgia Crisis & Access Line:
 - 1-800-715-4225
 - #1 Priority line
- 911
- Crisis Text Line:
 - Text HOME to 741741
- National Suicide Prevention Line:
 - 1-800-273-8255
- Trevor Project (LGBTQIA):
 - 1-866-488-7386



External Resources

- Non-crisis situations (many crisis lines still apply):
 - Warmlines provide non-crisis support, often peer to peer
 - GCAL (24/7) at (800) 715-4225
 - Decatur Peer Support (24/7) at 1-866-488-7386
 - Georgia Crisis and Access Line App
 - Crisis Text Line:
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Supplemental Resources

- Satellite Counselors
 - Offer free and fast consultations in MRDC, Whitaker, and COC
- Student Assistance Form
 - Via Dean of Student Life
- VOICE
 - Sexual Violence Prevention and Victim Support
 - 8:00am-5:00pm Mondays-Fridays
 - Call (404) 385-4464 or (404) 385-4451
 - After hours:
 - GTPD at (404)894-2500 and ask for VOICE Advocate

- Peer Coaching
 - 1-on-1 wellness support from a peer
- Mindful Mondays
 - Drop-in mindfulness
 - 4:00pm-5:00pm on Mondays in Student Center Juniper Room
- Welltrack App
 - Free through gatech.edu domain
 - Interactive Self-Help Therapy
 - Not a substitute



Thank You



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