Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner

Scope of Practice

Undergraduate, full-time students who are referred by Earlham College Counselors and meet the criteria outlined below, can possibly be seen by the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner (NP).

Students are required to have completed an intake by the Director of Counseling Services or staff counselor to assure that they meet the criteria of short-term medical management. Students outside the scope of the NP’s practice are referred to outside Health Care Professional in the community.

The NP will see uncomplicated clients that are compliant, who meet the criteria of short-term medical management. Clients are to maintain contact with their home doctor, and must routinely meet with a therapist either at Earlham or off-campus.

The NP provides a short-term model and the sessions are 20 minutes in length. In the event that a student requires a more thorough evaluation, the student will be referred to a psychiatry practice in the community. If further evaluation or testing is recommended off campus, the student is responsible for the cost of seeing a community-based psychiatrist.

Sessions with the NP are at no cost to the student, however, missed appointments without a 24-hour notice will result in a no-show fee of $50, charged to the student’s account.

Earlham Health Services is closed when classes are not in session, including Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer breaks. **No medication can be prescribed or refilled when Health Services is closed. Students must maintain a relationship with their home doctor/provider, or establish themselves with a provider off campus for continuity of medication and care during times when Health Services is closed.**

The NP is not available under any circumstances, for crisis services. Students who need emergency or crisis care should go to the nearest Emergency Department with no exceptions.