

Casper College
Professional Disclosure Statement &
Counseling Agreement

Four Casper College offices -- Counseling and Psychoeducational Services, Student Success Center, Disability Services, and Career Services -- provide a variety of counseling services to facilitate meeting students' educational goals. These services include academic planning and skills development, career counseling and assessment, testing, and personal counseling. Services may be offered individually, in groups, or via seminars and workshops. Most services are free of charge. Personal counselors typically work from a short-term treatment model. If it appears that you need or want long-term therapy, appropriate referrals will be made.

All Casper College counselors adhere to accepted professional standards of confidentiality and ethics outlined by their respective disciplines: The American Counseling Association, the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, the National Association of Social Workers, and the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification. No personal counseling information will be released to those outside of the counseling offices without your explicit authorization, unless there is a substantial or immediate risk of physical harm to self or others (such as suicide or homicide). In addition, counselors are required by law to report suspected abuse and/or neglect of children, the elderly, and individuals with physical or mental disabilities. If you are currently working with a counselor or therapist at another agency, you may be asked to sign a Release of Information form to permit sharing of information that is in your best interest. Group counseling clients may also be asked to maintain a confidential commitment to the group.

As a counseling professional, I agree to work with clients who I believe have the capacity to resolve their own problems, and who can effectively use my assistance. I view the counseling relationship as a partnership and see my role as helping individuals to take responsibility for their feelings, thoughts, and behaviors; as well as helping them make decisions about their lives and create plans to implement those decisions. You and I will work jointly in devising counseling plans that offer reasonable promise of success and are consistent with your abilities and circumstances. We will regularly review counseling plans to ensure their continued effectiveness, respecting your freedom of choice. Although I will work with you to achieve the best possible results for you, it is impossible to guarantee any specific outcomes regarding your counseling goals. You have the right to ask questions about my counseling approach, and you may also accept or reject any suggested counseling interventions. You may ask to meet with a different counselor. You have the right to review your counseling records in the presence of your counselor or another CC counselor. You can expect to be informed, if at all possible before your scheduled appointment time, if your counselor is ill or otherwise unable to meet with you. Furthermore, you may request additional time to discuss these or any issues more fully. Please be on time for your appointments, and contact your counselor by phone if you are running late or cannot meet at your scheduled time. Also, please inform your counselor if you wish to end the counseling relationship or request a different counselor.

Personal counseling relationships are professional, and contacts between client and counselor are expected to be of a professional nature. Sexual intimacies between client and counselor are never appropriate. You have the right to report any complaint you may have about our services to the CC Vice President for Student Services (307) 268-2210 or the Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board, 1800 Carey Avenue, 4th Floor, Cheyenne, WY 82002, (307) 777-7788.

This disclosure statement is required by the Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Act.

I have read and understand the information on this form.

Signature of Client

Date

Signature of Counselor

Date

Casper College
Professional Counseling Staff

Counseling & Psychoeducational Services

(including depression, grief & loss, relationship difficulties, etc.)

Teresa Wallace, Director of Counseling
CE 220A, 268-2621
B.A., Psychology, Purdue University
M.S., Marriage & Family Therapy, Kansas State University
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (WY#014)
Licensed Professional Counselor (WY#573)
Counseling approach: Solution-focused

Amy Kirkman, Counselor
CE 220B, 268-2604
B.A., Psychology, University of Wyoming
M.S., Counselor Education, University of Wyoming
Licensed Professional Counselor (WY#1155)
Counseling approach: Client centered

Student Success Services

(including test anxiety, academic stress, etc.)

Kim Byrd, Director of Student Success Services
GW 347, 268-2255
B.S.W., University of Wyoming
Certified Social Worker (WY#068)
Counseling approach: Client centered

Leanne Sims, Student Success Counselor
GW 346, 268-2231
B.A., Journalism, University of Wyoming
M.S., Counselor Education, University of Wyoming
Provisional Professional Counselor (WY#606)
Counseling Approach: Client centered, Existential

Disabilities Services

(including classroom and testing accommodations, etc.)

Brent Heuer, Disabilities Counselor
GW 344, 268-2557
B.S., Speech & Hearing Sciences, University of Wyoming
M.A., Rehabilitation Counseling, University of Northern Colorado
Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CO#41976)
Counseling approach: Client centered

Career Services

(including career exploration and decisions, job search, etc.)

Janet de Vries, Career Services Director
GW 338, 268-2446
B.S., Geology, University of Akron
M.S., Geology, Utah State University
M.S. Ed., Counselor Education, University of Wyoming
Licensed Professional Counselor (WY#433)
National Certified Counselor (#39376)
Master Career Counselor
Counseling approach: Feminist,
Rational-emotive-behavior therapy

Wesley Bertagnole, Career Counselor
GW 339, 268-2392
B.S., Human Communications, , University of Wyoming
M.S., Counselor Education, University of Wyoming
Provisional License (WY#PPC-415)
Counseling approach: Cognitive-behavioral,
Solution-focused, systems approaches