

ALL ADULT CLIENTS

CLIENT RELEASE AND INFORMED CONSENT

The rights for clients receiving counseling by a practicum/internship student from the Department of Counselor Education and College Student Personnel at Western Illinois University are as follows:

1. To be treated with respect, consideration, and dignity.
2. To be assured confidential treatment of their disclosures except
 - when mandated by law, such as in cases of physical or psychological child abuse, incest, child neglect, and abuse of the elderly;
 - when it is necessary to protect clients from harming themselves or to prevent a clear and immediate danger to others;
 - when subpoenaed or court ordered by a court of law [‘privileged communication’ does not exist between a counselor and client (s)]
3. To be afforded the opportunity and responsibility to approve or refuse release of records.

You are encouraged to talk openly and without reservation about your thoughts, reactions, perceptions, and feelings.

I verify that I have been informed of my rights and privileges as outlined above. I understand that all information revealed in these sessions will be held in strict confidence.