

## Psychiatric Transport

*When you have to transport a student to a mental health facility for evaluation, who do you use for the transportation (i.e. public safety, EMS, private vehicles, etc.) and do you require professionals to accompany them (i.e. counseling center staff, residence life staff, etc).*

### **Centre College**

We don't have an official policy, and it always depends on the situation/immediacy -- but have found that it works best when family or another close connection is involved. Our Public Safety folks will transport to the hospital (2 blocks away) when necessary.

### **Davidson**

We usually use the Campus Police for a transport for mental health issues and they are accompanied by a counselor.

### **Hendrix**

Transport would either be by medical professionals (EMT) or voluntary admit. Professional staff are required to meet them at the hospital/facility to ensure that they seek treatment and understand the process for returning to campus.

### **Millsaps**

Presuming it's an involuntary evaluation, the EMS provides the transportation. We do not require professionals to accompany them in the EMS vehicle. We do require the professionals to present themselves at the hospital/emergency room/psych ward when we are informed of the involuntary evaluation; due to a special and cultivated relationship with the directors of a nearby hospital psychiatric ward, we try to maintain contact & information flow on behalf of the students/families.

### **Southwestern University**

The answer to this question is, "it depends." The Counseling Center staff does not transport students unless there is absolutely no other way. Counseling Center staff is working with SU police, and they have agreed to transport students, if necessary, if a Counseling Center staff member accompanies them. Counseling Center staff prefers that a trusted friend or family member take the student themselves. In a crisis situation, the Counselor involved with the student may accompany or follow them. If the student is being admitted as in-patient, the Counselor may then sit through the process with the student to ensure that they are admitted.

### **Trinity University**

Regarding transportation, we look at it case-by-case. Sometimes friends will drive students to the facility. Sometimes, such as when there may be an over-dose it may be EMS. Last year we had a student who was almost non-communicative so we drove him in my vehicle and he was flanked by a res life staff member on one side and a counselor on the other. Security does not transport students off campus.

### **Washington & Lee**

Normally, Public Safety. We do not have other staff accompanying but our campus physician places follow-up phone calls. We do have a counselor, on-call, who goes to the hospital in the case of an alleged sexual assault.