Counseling Services is offering several exciting groups this fall. Groups typically consist of 4-10 students meeting weekly. Registered students are eligible for group participation. There is no cost. Student fees provide the funding. For more information about group counseling services including individual counseling, visit https://shcs.ucdavis.edu/services/groups.

Students are asked to make a commitment to attend groups each week for the duration of the quarter.

If you are interested in a group, please call SHCS appointment desk at (530) 752-0871 or come to 219 North Hall for an initial appointment. To participate in a group, a student must meet with a Counseling Services staff and be assigned to the group except for the drop-in groups or workshops. Counseling Services groups are listed below. All groups meet in North Hall at Counseling Services unless listed as meeting somewhere else.

To receive an initial consultation or get more information call Student Health and Counseling Services at (530) 752-0871 or come to 219 North Hall.

**Mondays:**

**Phoenix Rising: A Support Group for Survivors of Sexual Trauma**
2:10 – 3:30 pm  
Counseling Services in North Hall  
Facilitators: Cheryl Samuleson & Hanna Song

This process-oriented group is open to undergraduate and graduate students who are survivors of sexual abuse, sexual assault, and/or sexual trauma experienced in childhood or as adults. The goal of this group is to provide a healing, empowering, and safe space for survivors to discuss and receive support around a range of issues including relationships, intimacy, sexuality, safety, mind-body awareness, balance, sense of control, communication, and trust. Attention will also be given to providing some self-regulation and mind-body awareness skills as appropriate. If you are interested in participating in this group, please call Counseling Services at (530) 752-2349 or come to 219 North Hall for an initial consultation or group screening appointment.
“The Journey” Therapy Group
3:10-4:30 am | Counseling Services in North Hall
Facilitators: Chris Le & Brian Shi

This adventurous general therapy group is designed to foster greater self-awareness and more satisfying relationships by becoming more aware of your thoughts and feelings, exploring how your background and upbringing affect your relationships, developing interpersonal skills, practicing giving and receiving support, and cultivating more compassion for yourself and others. If you are interested in participating in this group, please call Counseling Services at (530) 752-0871 or come to 219 North Hall for an initial consultation or group screening appointment.

Tuesdays:

Undergraduates Career Exploration Group
3:00 – 4:30 pm | Counseling Services in North Hall
Facilitator: Meghan Jones

Career decision-making is an ongoing process made more effective within an interactive, supportive group approach. Group members are undergraduates who will identify how their values, interests, preferences and satisfying skills relate to occupations of interest and expanded career options. A focus on personal strengths and common experiences of uncertainty helps enable group members to better understand internal conflicts and external obstacles. Please note total cost of assessments is $45 and expected time commitment for activities outside of the 6 session group times is approximately 1-2 hours per week. If you are interested in participating in this group, please contact the Career Counseling Program at careercounseling@shcs.ucdavis.edu and you will be emailed information about the orientation to the group.

Wednesdays:

Lavender Connection: LGBTQ Student Support Group
10:00 - 11:20 am | Counseling Services in North Hall
Facilitators: Megan Brown & Mark Papp

This group is a support group for undergraduate and graduate students who are looking for a safe and confidential space to discuss issues related to being LGBTQ. The group will provide a supportive and affirming environment where students can share common experiences and increase their sense of understanding regarding their own gender identity, sexual identity, relationships with others, and sense of empowerment. Areas of
focus may include the influence of cultural background and ethnic identity, fostering self-acceptance, stress management, coping skills, coming out to yourself & others, dating, spirituality, campus climate, and family relationships. All identities within the LGBTQ spectrum including those questioning are welcome! If you are interested in participating in this group, please call Counseling Services at (530) 752-0871 or come to 219 North Hall for an initial consultation or group screening appointment.

**Building Social Confidence**
1:10 – 2:30 pm | Counseling Services in North Hall
Facilitator: Nan Senzaki & Javan Jean-Noel

Group members learn how to increase confidence in social situations by building social skills, the foundation for successful interpersonal relationships. Members develop effective communication skills, assertion skills, and social support—"community." Members also address their own individual goals, such as developing/maintaining friendships, dating, and confidence with academic assertion and public speaking. If you are interested in participating in this group, please call Counseling Services at (530) 752-0871 or come to 219 North Hall for an initial consultation or group screening appointment.

**Nourish: The Body & The Self**
3:10 – 4:30 pm | Counseling Services in North Hall
Facilitators: Katie Cougevan & Mallorey Gatti

Concerned about your relationship with food or your perception of yourself? You are not alone. Explore your concerns and struggles while offering insight and support to others in a process-oriented therapy group. If you are interested in participating in this group, please call Counseling Services at (530) 752-0871 or come to 219 North Hall for an initial consultation or group screening appointment.

**Women’s Group**
3:10 - 4:30 pm | Counseling Services in North Hall
Facilitator: Bai-Yin Chen

This group is for graduate and undergraduate women who would like to share and explore issues that have a daily effect on their lives. Participants will also receive and provide support to realize an empowered living. Topics for discussion include: self-esteem, responsibility for others and need for self-care, identity, family, relationship and intimacy, communication, academic pressure, and life transitions. If you are interested in participating in this group, please call Counseling Services at (530) 752-0871 or come to 219 North Hall for an initial consultation or group screening appointment.
Thursdays:

**Graduate Career Exploration Group**  
10:00 - 11:30 am  |  Counseling Services in North Hall  
Facilitator: Javan Jean-Noel

This group is for graduate students who want to explore their career related preferences, identify the comparative fit of career options of interest or expand their consideration of possible careers. Group members will integrate data from their personal strengths, work and family perspectives, and career assessments with occupational information. Group members are asked to increase their exposure to occupational information and opportunities over the course of the term. Total cost for assessment package (includes Strong Interest Inventory, MBTI, Skillscan and Values card sorts) to grad students is $20 as GradPathways (Graduate Studies) is subsidizing $25 of the total $45 fee. Please note that expected time commitment for activities outside of the 6 session group times is approximately 1-2 hours per week. If you are interested in participating in this group, please contact the Career Counseling Program at career counseling@shcs.ucdavis.edu and you will be emailed information about the orientation to the group.

**Relationships for Depression and Anxiety**  
11:00 AM - 12:20 PM  |  Student Health and Wellness Center  
Facilitator: Clare Rene

This group is for undergraduate students with presenting concerns of depression and anxiety. Group participants will gain awareness and understanding of their emotions and develop effective approaches to reduce their symptoms of depression and anxiety.

**Mindfulness & Compassion Meditation Group**  
3:15 – 4:30 pm  |  Student Health and Wellness Center  
Facilitators: Elizabeth Schiveley & Shane Saenz

Mindfulness is about learning to experience life fully as it unfolds—noticing what is there. Compassion allows us to acknowledge emotional pain of ourselves and others. Through this practice, participants develop a greater sense of calm, connection, insight, and focus while letting go of the harsh inner critic that can keep us from fully living. If you are interested in participating in this group, please call Counseling Services at (530) 752-0871 or come to 219 North Hall for an initial consultation or group screening appointment.

**Living with Chronic Medical Conditions and Disabilities Group**  
1:30 – 2:50 pm  |  Student Health and Wellness Center  
Facilitators: Hillary Alejo & Mónica Hurtado León
This group will be a safe and confidential place for undergrads and graduate students who have chronic illnesses, visible, or invisible disabilities to come together weekly to get and give support. The focus of group sessions is on whatever students bring up each week. Common themes discussed include self-care, celebration of accomplishments, coping skills, fostering self-acceptance, empowerment, pain management, feelings about social and academic barriers, boundaries, stress management, dating, family relationships, academic concerns, what it is like to interface with temporarily able-bodied people, as well as managing multiple identities i.e. cultural background, gender, and ethnic identities. Most of all it will be a place where you can be fully who you are and discuss concerns and issues important to you with other people who have chronic illnesses, visible, or invisible disabilities. If you are interested in participating in this group, please call Counseling Services at (530) 752-0871 or come to 219 North Hall for an initial consultation or group screening appointment.

**Healing Through Connections: Graduate Student Therapy Group**

3:10 - 4:30 pm  |  Counseling Services in North Hall  
Facilitators: Tegan Adams & Christian Latino

This is a process-oriented group open to all graduate students. The goal of this group is to provide a safe and confidential space for graduate students to receive support and to gain perspective and insight into themselves and their relationships. Themes are broad and vary— they have included balancing academic and family life, self-care, family and intimate partner relationship concerns, advisor-advisee relationship concerns, procrastination, perfectionism, depression, anxiety, cultural adjustment, and issues of oppression (e.g., sexism, racism, heterosexism, ageism). If you are interested in participating in this group, please call Counseling Services at (530) 752-0871 or come to 219 North Hall for an initial consultation or group screening appointment.

**Fridays:**

**H*E*A*L: Hope for Change, End Emotional Eating, Acceptance, Live in the Moment**

10:00 – 11:20 am  |  Counseling Services in North Hall  
Facilitators: Mallorey Gatti & Meghan Jones

End emotional eating through challenge, mindfulness and acceptance. This is a free 7-week workshop that teaches you skills to change your patterns with food and emotions. Each session will include group exercises, skills, discussion and homework. You will learn the following five skills in our series:

*Mindfulness:* Find what it means to be present-focused and live in the moment.
Distress Tolerance: Tolerate stress, difficult emotions and feelings of overwhelm without turning to food.
Acceptance: Approach experiences of your body and food with acceptance.
Emotional Regulation: Find more effective ways to deal with emotions in the moment.
Communication Skills: Assert yourself in your relationships, feel more connected to yourself and others.

If you are interested in participating in this group, please call Counseling Services at (530) 752-0871 or come to 219 North Hall for an initial consultation or group screening appointment.

**In Lak’ech (A Chicana/Latina Women’s Therapy Group)**
12:10 - 1:30 pm | Office of Chicana/o and Latina/o Academic Student Success
Facilitator: Adriana Torres

Colonization refers to the process of a dominant culture settling among and establishing control over another culture, which can lead to social and systemic oppression of the colonized group. The goal of In Lak’ech is to decolonize the therapeutic encounter. By identifying and creating culturally appropriate methods and practices of healing, we free ourselves from Euro-Centric assumptions and prescriptions for our lives. Abandoning Western ideas of therapy groups, and apoyando our gente the way we know how, con dichos, cuentos, chistes, chisme y comida. In Lak’ech participants will be encouraged to explore topics such as Culture & Mental Health, Spirituality, Building Healthy Relationships, Homesickness, etc.

If you are interested in participating in this group, please call Counseling Services at (530) 752-0871 or come to 219 North Hall for an initial consultation or group screening appointment.

**Support Group and Workshops with RSVP Requirement**

**Adelante Mujeres Support Group**
4:00 - 5:30 pm, Mondays
Location: Center for Chicanx/Latinx Student Academic Success
Session dates: TBD
Participants must RSVP and meet with facilitator prior to start date.
Facilitator: Roxana Reyes

Six-week sessions.
This group is designed to provide a safe and supportive environment to explore personal experiences on campus, gain emotional support, promote self-care, and enhance
community building among Chicana/Latina students. This six-week session is free and students must agree to attend all six sessions to help ensure a rich group experience for themselves and other participants. Participants must schedule a consultation with the facilitator prior to the start date. Weekly topics will be decided by the group, but may include:

- Session 1 - Introductions and Mixer: An informal space to dialogue and get to know each other.
- Session 2 - Authentic Sisterhood: How to create sustainable, healthy relationships in our social and professional lives
- Session 3 – Alternative Mental Health: A Chicana perspective on managing mood and self care
- Session 4 - The Four Agreements: A Toltec secret to happiness and finding peace through balance
- Session 5 - The Maria Paradox: Navigating tradition in contemporary society
- Session 6 - Open Discussion and Close

For more information contact Roxana Reyes, MFT reyes@shcs.ucdavis.edu

**Write to Thrive**

3:15 - 4:30 pm, Every other Tuesdays
Session dates: TBD
Facilitator: Maia Huang

Write to Thrive is a healing support space for survivors of sexual trauma. Participants use the medium of writing to express their feelings, share personal stories, and provide compassionate witnessing for each other. The group meets every two weeks beginning in the first few weeks of each quarter. All genders are welcome to attend.

If interested, please contact Maia Huang at mhuang@shcs.ucdavis.edu

**Veterinary Medicine Student Support Group**

5:30 – 6:50 pm, Tuesdays
Facilitator: Zachary Ward

This is a supportive space to connect around the various issues impacting vet med student.

For more information or to register to participate in this group contact Dr. Zachary Ward directly at zward@shcs.ucdavis.edu. After the second meeting of this semester-long series, the group will be closed.
Drop-In Support Groups

Life Ring
7:00 – 8:00 pm, Mondays
Location: Davis Sober Living 1508 Rio Grande Ave, Davis

Life Ring’s mission is to provide an abstinence-based, secular, and self-empowered addiction recovery pathway through our meeting and support network.

Aggies Rise (Recovery, Inspire, Support & Empower) Group
6:00 – 7:00 pm, Fridays
https://shcs.ucdavis.edu/recovery_resources
Location: Davis Sober Living 1508 Rio Grande Ave, Davis

This is a peer-led support group. Aggie Rise’s mission is to promote recovery in institutions of higher education. The group aims to enhance the student experience by facilitating exciting and engaging activities for recovery-minded individuals. We also aim to educate students about the benefits of a recovery-based lifestyle. The objectives include Education, Recovery, Abstinence, and Open-Door Policy. We do movie nights, dinners, dancing, trips, and so much more! For more information please contact Jessica at 858-926-6654.

Depression drop-in group
TBD

You Got This Series

You Got This (YGT) consists of psycho-educational workshops designed to help build personal awareness, develop coping skills and promote self-care. For Fall 2019 quarter, we will offer a general mindfulness workshop, a coping with anxiety workshop and a stress management workshop.

The Mindfulness workshop combines evidence-based practices for more skillful management of a variety of concerns. Participants will practice mindfulness techniques in a low pressure, supportive environment. This workshop is aimed at improving skills.

Coping with Anxiety is a three-part workshop series that utilizes evidence-based practices for coping with anxiety and is sequential, with each workshop building on the former. The first session focuses on the relationship between anxiety and thinking styles, in which participants understand how their thoughts, emotions, and behavior
are linked. Participants will learn their unhelpful thinking styles and how to engage in untwisting them. The second session will focus on mindfulness as a tool to reduce anxiety. Participants will learn what mindfulness is and is not, engage in practicing mindfulness, and discuss ways to incorporate mindfulness in their daily lives. In the final session, participants will learn relaxation techniques that bring calmness and grounding to them. Participants will practice relaxation techniques and ways to use them on their own time. Participants will also learn how to improve sleep, impact of food on anxiety, and other resources available at CS for anxiety management. During each workshop, a PowerPoint presentation is provided and skill building handouts are given to students. When students sign up, they are committing to coming to all three sequential workshop sessions. If a student is interested and the series has already started, they can sign up for the next round of the series, using the YGT link.

The **Stress Management** workshop is designed to encourage students to identify areas of stress and learn techniques to help reduce and cope with daily stressors.

The main goals of YGT are to give students tools to

Students are welcome to select any of the workshops listed and repeat any of the YGT workshops. Space is limited, so please encourage students to reserve their spot now.

**Use the following YGT link to sign up:** tinyurl.com/YGTUCD

**Location:** North Hall 132  
**Start Date:** October 7, 2019  
**YGT does not run during finals week.**

Mondays, 2:10 – 3:00 pm (Mindfulness), Facilitator: Karin Nilsson

Tuesdays, 2:10 – 3:00 pm ( ), Facilitator:

Wednesdays, 1:10 – 2:30 pm (Coping with Anxiety), Facilitator: Renee Lopez

Thursdays, 4:10 – 5:00 pm (Stress Management), Facilitator: Renee Lopez

Fridays, 11:00 – 11:50 am (Coping with Anxiety), Facilitator: Karin Nilsson