

**NORTHWEST VISTA COLLEGE
PROCEDURE**

Procedure Number: SS 3.2.2
Procedure Title: Services to Imminently Dangerous Students

- I. **Purpose**
To support safety of individuals and campus community

- II. **Procedure Statement**
NVC Counseling will evaluate and assist students who display or express psychosis; acute suicidal ideations, gesturing, or planning; or homicidal ideations, or planning.

Step 1: Identification of Individual

NVC Counseling Services counselors will respond to any report of a student expressing or displaying psychosis, acute suicidal ideations, gesturing or planning, or homicidal ideations or planning. As needed, counselors will elicit the assistance and defer to the judgment of the Alamo Colleges Police Department or other emergency law enforcement agency.

Step 2: Evaluation of Individual

Prioritizing personal safety, counselors may engage in face-to-face communication or other means of interaction with the individual in order to assess mental capacity and risk of harm to self or others.

Step 3: Consultation

Staff will seek professional consultation, as appropriate, with other mental health colleagues, Alamo Colleges Police Department, San Antonio Police Department, NVC Administration, or Strategies of Behavioral Intervention (SOBI) Team members.

Step 4: Intervention or Referral

After evaluation and consultation, in conjunction with clinical judgment, counselors will apply therapeutic intervention(s) as appropriate, including but not limited to: de-escalation, reaching out to emergency contacts, contacting emergency medical services or support, contacting law enforcement, requesting emergency detention, contacting campus officials, or referral to other community agencies.

Step 5: Documentation

Documentation of the incident, including evaluation notes, referrals, and action-steps will be created and placed in the student counseling record.

Step 6: Follow-up or After-Care

NVC Counseling Services will offer the student the opportunity for further follow-up counseling services or additional resources as needed.

Contact for Interpretation: Dean of Student Success

Relevant Board Policy:
Relevant SACSCOC Principle: CS 3.3.1.3

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Approved: _____
Vice President for Student Success