

26 BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION TEAM

The Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) supports students in managing significant mental health concerns. This could include when a student is hospitalized, transported to the hospital, managing active suicidal thoughts, and may be out of touch with reality. BIT members work directly with students to make referrals, ensure that they are connected to appropriate support, and promote a safe, successful, and non-disruptive environment on campus. For more information about BIT including its members, visit the [Behavioral Intervention Team website](#).

Procedures

When BIT becomes aware of a student that might meet the criteria for BIT follow-up, BIT will typically take the following steps:

1. Gather any additional information available and assess if any notification to individuals outside of the BIT team is appropriate and permissible by law. This could include the student's family or emergency contact, roommates, faculty, or the hospital;
2. Consult as a group and determine whether BIT should follow up and if so, assign a BIT member to reach out to the student;
3. Reach out to the student to set up a meeting to discuss. The student may be required to attend the meeting;
4. Discuss the situation with the student including gathering information about their current support network including their treatment;
5. Making a determination regarding next steps. Next steps could include:
 - a. Scheduling additional meetings with the student;
 - b. Verifying that the student is engaged in ongoing treatment;
 - c. Referring the student to treatment;
 - d. Providing the BIT member's contact information should the student need additional support.

If the student declines to meet with the BIT member or follow through on any next steps, BIT will conduct an individualized assessment and determine whether to take no further action regarding the situation or take additional steps such as referring the matter to the Dean of Students.