

University of North Carolina Wilmington, Division of Student Affairs
Student Threat Assessment Team (STAT)- Mission, Scope, Protocol and Membership

Mission

The Student Threat Assessment Team is comprised of a select group of university administrators charged with the responsibility of identifying, investigating, assessing, and monitoring high risk behaviors exhibited by UNCW students. In addition, the group attempts to determine whether based on behaviors exhibited by the student, the student may pose a threat to the University community. In cases where the Team agrees that the student may pose a threat to self or others, the Team may make recommendations for action to remove the student from the University community (by means such as the campus conduct system). The Team also identifies Student Affairs Departments that will provide students not deemed to be high risk with resources and services necessary to enable them to remain in good standing at UNCW. The STAT will develop means for reporting of high risk students by others in the UNCW community, and for tracking cases for follow-up assessment. Cases discussed by the STAT are confidential in nature.

General Scope of Duties

1. Conduct bi-weekly meetings to discuss current and ongoing student cases;
2. Convene as needed to review high risk students reported to the Team,
3. Recommend the appropriate resources and services for students who remain at UNCW,
4. Recommend appropriate cases for disciplinary action,
5. Utilize the Division of Student Affairs protocol for students being admitted to a hospital for treatment, return to campus and follow-up assessment,
6. Review, implement and manage the Student Referral System for tracking cases.

Protocol

In consideration of its stated mission, the Student Threat Assessment Team will convene when it becomes necessary to determine whether, based on behaviors exhibited by the student, the student may pose a threat to the University community.

The Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs is the chair of the STAT and the Assistant Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students serves as vice chair. These individuals are responsible for the vision, leadership, direction and operations of the Team. The associate dean of students serves as case manager for the Team.

STAT reviews cases that are reported to the Office of the Dean of Students by various members of the university community (mainly staff and faculty), including students who are disruptive or who require intervention in order to remain in good standing or who will likely have a greater likelihood of succeeding by accessing various university resources (e.g. counseling, academic support, health services). The STAT also convenes when a student's behavior rises to the level of potentially threatening the University community or themselves. The following procedure is followed when cases appropriate for review by the STAT are identified.

1. The Assistant Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students or Associate Dean of Students reviews the report, and contacts the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs to discuss whether the STAT needs to be convened.
2. If the STAT is convened the ODOS will investigate and prepare the case for review by the Team. The University Police and Housing and Residence Life staffs may also be involved in investigating and preparing the case for presentation to STAT.
3. The STAT reviews the case and makes a determination as to whether the student poses a threat to the University community or themselves.

Scenarios:

- A. If the student does pose a threat the STAT will make recommendations for action to be considered by the Associate Vice Chancellor and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, and depending on the case, to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Recommendations may include campus judicial action, referral to medical or mental health resources, or summary suspension.
- B. If the student does not pose an immediate threat, but their behavior is still unacceptable, the STAT will recommend close monitoring of the student's activities.

Record keeping:

Once STAT discusses a student case, it will be monitored by the Office of the Dean of Students and may be presented again for on-going discussion by the STAT. Cases may also be closed if further monitoring is not warranted, or when the student graduates.

Reporting disruptive students for review by the STAT:

- Call or email University Police
- Call or email Dean of Students Office
- Complete STAT referral form online
- Report the incident in person or by phone to the Office of the Dean of Students (ODOS) or the University Police Department

Membership

Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (Chair)
Assistant Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students (Vice Chair)
Associate Dean of Students (Case Manager)
Associate Provost
Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
Assistant Dean of Students
Director of Housing and Residence Life
Director of Counseling Center
Associate Director of Housing and Residence Life
Director of Abrons Student Health Center
Deputy Director of University Police