

Heartland Community College Policy Student Optional Disclosure of Private Mental Health Information

Purpose of the ACT

In accordance with the Student Optional Disclosure of Private Mental Health Act at: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=099-0278&GA=99> . This Act states that an institution of higher learning may disclose mental health information if a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner makes a determination that the student poses a clear danger to himself, herself, or others.

What Information Will Be Disclosed

Heartland Community College (HCC) is providing students the opportunity to authorize in writing the disclosure of certain private mental health information to a designated person of their choosing.

This policy provides you with the option to designate a person to whom HCC may disclose certain private mental health information. HCC will contact the person of choice if HCC's Student Counseling Services determines that:

1. You pose a clear danger to yourself or to others.
2. Protection is needed for you or another person from a clear, imminent risk of serious mental or physical injury, disease or death.

The physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner shall, as soon as possible but no more than 24 hours after making the determination, attempt to contact the designated person and notify the designated person that the physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner has made a determination that the student poses a clear, imminent danger to himself, herself, or others.

Student Authorization

You are not required to designate a person. Only do so if you desire. Should you choose to designate a contact person, it can be anyone over the age of 18 (e.g., parent, sibling, friend, etc.).

Click here to complete the form _____.

You may change your designation at any time.

Please note that HCC reserves the right to contact your parent, legal guardian, spouse and/or other emergency contact as required or permitted by law.