



Sexual Assault Support Services at Carleton University

Sexual assault is any unwanted act of a sexual nature that is imposed on another person without their consent. Anyone who has been sexually assaulted should receive immediate and appropriate services. Carleton provides services to help those who have experienced sexual assault, and offers the campus community educational and sexual assault awareness programming.

Following is information about the services and supports at Carleton University:

- Carleton's Health and Counselling Services offers counselling to people who have experienced a sexual assault. **All of Carleton's counsellors are qualified to provide counselling to individuals who have experienced sexual violence**, and have a Master's Degree in Social Work (MSW) or a Master's Degree in Education in Counselling.

- There are **no wait times** for services for individuals in crisis, including those who have been recently sexually assaulted. If necessary, after-hours counselling is available.

- Carleton's medical staff provide physical examinations, assessment and treatment of injuries, STI testing, treatment and follow-up, pregnancy testing. Both medical and counselling staff provide counselling and referrals to other resources, both on campus and in the Ottawa community.

- Carleton University is one of the few Canadian campuses to employ a **Coordinator of Sexual Assault Services**

who offers sexual assault education and training, individual short-term counselling, information and referrals, and safety planning to anyone in the Carleton community who has experienced sexual violence.

- The Coordinator practices from a feminist perspective, has a MSW, and is a registered social worker in the province of Ontario. She has six years experience in counselling in the field of sexual assault, has done public education work and worked in a community agency specializing in sexual assault in Ottawa.

- Through the Coordinator, Carleton offers training on the issue of sexual harassment and sexual assault, and works with Health and Counselling Services, as well as with campus and community-based organizations, such as Carleton's Womyn's Centre, student governments, the Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women, and the Coalition for a Carleton Sexual Assault Centre. Education and awareness activities include Sexual Assault Awareness Week on campus, the "Man Talk" Conference at Carleton.



■ Training about sexual assault and sexual assault services is provided to staff, faculty and students, including frosh facilitators, residence fellows, athletics staff, and new student safety constables.

■ Ottawa has a number of counselling and medical service providers with which the university collaborates to ensure that members of the campus community receive appropriate support and help. For a listing of the services accessible off campus, go to: www.sanottawa.com/

■ Equity Services and the Coalition for a Carleton Sexual Assault Centre submitted a joint-proposal for shared space to be used to support efforts to provide enhanced sexual assault support services and educational resources when suitable space becomes available on campus.

Our vision for the future of sexual assault support services at Carleton University:

Sexual violence is a social issue that all universities must address. Carleton will continue to work with members of the campus and Ottawa communities to provide those who have experienced sexual violence with the support and services they need. The university's efforts will include education and awareness programming, more integrated collaboration with support service providers in the community, and a commitment to apply best practices.

Carleton's Health and Counselling and Equity Services both support the principles of the Ottawa Sexual Assault Protocol (OSAP) and supports the OSAP Committee in its efforts to maintain a comprehensive, effective community response to sexual violence.

For more information on the Ottawa Sexual Assault Protocol go to:

www.sanottawa.com/index.php?unique=205

For more information on Carleton's Health and Counselling Services go to: www2.carleton.ca/health/ or Equity Services at www2.carleton.ca/equity