

Academic Behavior Consultants Psych Group  
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Danville, Ca.

**Consent for Treatment**

As your academic support counselor, I look forward to working with you and want to give you some important information about the services you will receive. This consent form will provide a clear framework for our work together and will facilitate our working relationship. Please feel free to discuss any questions you have with me.

1). Confidentiality: As your academic support counselor, I am legally prohibited from revealing to another person that you are seeking support with me, nor can I reveal what you have said to me in any way that identifies you without your written permission. However, in the following instances, your right to confidentiality must be set aside as required by law or professional guidelines:

A. Instances of actual or suspected physical or sexual abuse, emotional cruelty, or neglect of a child or an elder or dependent adult must be reported to the appropriate protective services.

B. If I have a reason to believe that a client poses an unavoidable and imminent danger of violence to another person (or to another's property), I must warn whomever may be in danger, and I must notify the appropriate authorities.

C. If a court has ordered your treatment with me, or if I am served with a subpoena. For example, in the context of a legal proceeding in which you raise your own psychological state as an issue, I am required to release information to the court, or may have to appear in court.

D. Finally, if you, as a client, reveal a serious intent to harm yourself, I am ethically bound to do what I can to help you keep safe, which may involve notifying others who may be of help. In all of the above cases, it is incumbent upon me to release only that information necessary to appropriately carry out my responsibilities -- your confidentiality still remains an ethical priority.

2). Sessions: Your appointment time is reserved for you and support sessions are 50 minutes long. Appointment cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance.

3). Payment for Services: You are expected to pay for services at the time of our session, unless we have agreed on other arrangements. You may pay online based on the fee agreed upon. If you request it, I will give you a monthly statement, which you can use to bill your insurance for possible reimbursement. Any fee change is negotiated in good faith; it is your responsibility to notify me if your financial situation changes. Fees may change over the course of time, but will always consider your financial ability to continue with support. Typically, fees will be raised once yearly.

Past due payments: If there is a balance of two sessions, another appointment cannot be scheduled until the balance has been paid.

Payment for services which are past due over 120 days may be subject to collection through the use of a collection agency.

4). Accessibility: The academic support counselor will return calls as soon as possible should you need to speak to between sessions. We do not charge fees for telephone consultations that are less than 15 minutes. Consultations of longer than 15 minutes will be prorated to the nearest quarter-hour, based on your hourly fee.

I understand that Ramzi Nashashibi MA, Eds. LEP #3610 does not work on an emergency basis and does not carry a pager. If an emergency situation arises, I know I should call 911 or go to the nearest hospital emergency room. Phone calls between sessions are typically limited to scheduling and other logistical matters, which must be arranged before the next session. If you encounter a serious psychological crisis between sessions and do not have a session scheduled in the next 12 hours, you will be encouraged to schedule one.

If there is a life-threatening psychological emergency and Ramzi Nashashibi MA, Eds. LEP #3610 does not have an appointment available in the next 12 hours, a brief telephone consultation may be provided to assist you until the next available appointment. Such crisis consultations are charged at the standard fee, prorated to the nearest quarter-hour.

I understand that Ramzi Nashashibi MA, Eds. LEP #3610 may not check email on a daily basis, and that email is not a confidential way to communicate. I understand that Ramzi Nashashibi MA, Eds. LEP #3610 is not responsible for any information transmitted via email or via tele-mental health.

5). Patient Rights: In addition to confidentiality, as spelled out above, you have the right to end your academic support counseling sessions at any time, for whatever reason, without any moral, legal or financial obligation, except for fees already incurred. You have the right to question any aspect of your support, and to expect that Ramzi Nashashibi MA, Eds. LEP #3610 will work with you to meet your needs for adjunctive or alternative treatment. You also have the right to expect that Ramzi Nashashibi MA, Eds. LEP #3610 will maintain professional and ethical boundaries by not entering into other personal, financial, or professional relationships with you, all of which would greatly compromise our work together.

As an Educational Psychologist, Ramzi Nashashibi MA, Eds. LEP #3610 will contribute knowledge, skills, and a willingness to do his best. The determination of success, however, will ultimately depend upon your commitment to your own personal growth and care.

Please feel free to ask any questions or discuss any of this information with Ramzi Nashashibi MA, Eds. LEP #3610 . Your signature below indicates that you have read and understand this information, and have received a copy of this consent form.

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Client's Printed Name

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Client's Signature

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Date Signed