# **Continuum of Mental Health Indicators and Resources**

### Healthy

## Reacting

### Injured

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## Physically well, high energyUsual fluctuations in mood

- High Focus
- Usual social activity
- Usual sleep patterns
- High engagements
- Consistent performance

- Low energy
- Occasional anxiety, irritability or sadness
- Reduced focus, increased worrying, procrastination, forgetfulness
- Reduced social activity
- Increased sleep difficulties
- Inconsistent, reduced performance

- Persistent fatigue, aches or pains
- Pervasive anxiety, anger, sadness hopelessness
- Poor focus, presenteeism
- Social avoidance or withdrawa
- Ongoing sleep disturbances
- Decreased or poor performance

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- Exhaustion, physical illness
- Excessive anxiety, anger or depressed mood
- No focus, persistent dark or suicidal thoughts
- Isolation or withdrawal
- Unable to fall or stay asleep, oversleeping
- Unable to perform or complete normal tasks, absenteeism

## Identify and understand own signs of distress

- Make time for hobbies and interests
- Schedule enjoyable activities
- Connect with support systems
- Maintain the basics (diet, exercise, sleep hygiene)
- Journal, meditate, spend time outside

- Know your "stress cues"
- Journal, meditate, yoga, breathwork
- Take a rest day, schedule breaks
- Reach out to friends and family, challenge the urge to isolate and make plans with others
- Make use of <u>Lakehead Support</u> Services

- Implement healthy coping strategies or try new ones
- Set realistic expectations for performance
- Be intentional with self-care and accessing social supports
- Seek support from mental health professionals

- Seek consultation as needed
- Follow health care provider recommendations
- Take a break
- Take a medical leave, look into academic accommodations
- Take it slow, practice self-compassion

## Who can help

Resources available

**Actions to Take** 

- Informal supports- friends, teammates, family
- Coaching staff

- Informal SupportsSocial worker
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- Coaching Staff/Student Trail

- Social worker
- Psvchologist
- Medical Doctor/Athletic Therapist
- Psychotherapist

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#### WellU Key- Monitor your well-being and get personalized recommendations.

- WellU Resilience: Varsity Edition- Selfpaced D2L module. The evidencebased course features videos, slideshows, skill-building activities, resources and information to help student athletes build resilience.
- Check out <u>lakeheadu.ca/shw-events</u> for regularly scheduled yoga and meditation groups and wellness events on campus.
- <u>Thunderwolves Wellness</u>- Information about common athlete mental health concerns, coping strategies and resources.
- Good2Talk- Free, confidential helpline providing professional counselling for post-secondary students.
- <u>Student Health and Wellness</u>- Free, same-day appointments, online booking. Physicians available by appointment
- TalkCampus- 24/7 online peer support.

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- LÜSU Health and Dental Plan-Extended health coverage for mental health providers.
- Ontario Structure Psychotherapy
  Program- free, publicly funded, short-term cognitive-behavioural therapy with a psychotherapist

#### If it's an emergency:

- If someone is in immediate danger, 9-1-1
- Canada's Suicide Crisis Helpline:
- Call or text 9-8-8
- <u>CMHA Crisis Response Services:</u>
  - Call or text- 807-346-8282

#### If it's not an emergency:

- Student Health and Wellness- Free, same-day appointments, online booking
- Thunder Bay Walk-in Counselling Clinics-Provide free, immediate, singlesession counselling services.

