The mission of the Student Assistance Team is to provide a collaborative approach to identifying and responding to students who exhibit behaviors that indicate the need for intervention. The goal of the SAT is to provide the safest environment for all members of the campus community.

The Purpose

- Serve as a resource for faculty, staff, and students to address the needs of students who are experiencing significant behavioral disturbances.
- Recommend collaborative and purposeful interventions aimed at helping students achieve success.
- Establish a process that is designed to be helpful to students, particularly when the rights of others or an individual’s growth and development are being endangered.
- Assist members of the University community with a legitimate concern regarding students who seem to be experiencing emotional distress, psychological difficulties, or are unable to handle stressful circumstances.

The Process

Student displays concerning behaviors.

Student, staff, or faculty makes a referral to the SAT chair via email or phone.

Student Assistance Team reviews the referral at the next scheduled meeting or one that is called.

With consensus from the members, an appropriate level of intervention is determined.

https://atlstuaaffairs.mercer.edu/dean/referral-to-student-assistance-team.cfm

In an Emergency or After Hours:

If there is a threat of danger and you are on the Atlanta campus, please call the Mercer Police at 678-547-6358. They are available 24/7!

FAQ

How do I refer a Student?
To refer a student to the SAT, you can contact the chair, Claire Dyes, by calling her at 678-547-6821 or emailing dyes_c@mercer.edu. If you are concerned about a student but have not witnessed any distressing or disruptive behavior, please explain your concern in detail.

Why do I matter?
Your interactions and observations matter to the Student Assistance Team. You may be the first to notice a change in a student’s behavior or appearance or can provide valuable information regarding class attendance and social interactions.

Will I receive an update about the student?
Every situation is different. In general, reporting parties will be contacted only if further information is needed. Due to the confidentiality of most cases, only limited information will be shared with you.