

## ***Welcome to WVU Parkersburg's Center for Student Support Services!***

Our mission is to ensure that every student has an equal chance for success in their chosen academic path. In support of our students, the Center for Student Support Services provides mental health counseling, disability/accessibility accommodations, military veterans' outreach, and food assistance.

**Mental Health Services:** Entering a new environment can be stressful and overwhelming for anyone regardless of age or circumstance. The Counseling office located within Student Support Services (Room 1019) offers our students free short-term counseling for issues such as depression, anxiety, stress management, substance/alcohol issues, trauma, personal loss and crisis counseling. The Center also offers couples/family counseling, problem solving sessions for students, and can provide outside referrals for longer-term mental health services.

**Disability/Accessibility Services:** All students deserve an equal opportunity for academic success, and the Disability Services Office within the Center for Student Support Services (Room 1019) is committed to aiding qualified students with disabilities. Disability counseling, academic accommodations, assistive technology, American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters and Live Closed Captioning services are just some of the disability support services we offer.

**Veteran/VA Benefits Services:** WVU Parkersburg has a full-time dedicated Veterans' Advocate to assist our student veteran community. The Veterans' Advocate acts as a liaison between students, campus departments, the VA, and other government and outside agencies. Students can work with the Veterans' Advocate to get questions answered and issues resolved, and the Veterans' Advocate can also assist with initializing GI Bill benefits. The Veterans' Resource Center (VRC – Room 1532) offers student veterans an area to study, a social space, and other resources designed specifically for student veterans. WVU Parkersburg has been named a Military Times Magazine nationwide "Best for Vets" institute of higher learning by every year for the past 6 years.

**Food Assistance:** Food support from the Riverhawk Food Pantry is available to all students. Information or access to the Food Pantry is available during regular office hours (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.) by contacting the Center for Student Support Services at (304) 424-8378.

Working together is the best way to make your college experience as stress-free and enjoyable as possible. In addition to talking with a member of the Center for Student Support Services team, you may visit our page at [wvup.edu/current-students/services/](http://wvup.edu/current-students/services/)

### **Contact Information**

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