



PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES @ UNIPD

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PhDs are renowned for being stressful!



https://www.thesavvyscientist.com/phd-burnout/





Why doing a PhD is not a waste of time!









Psychological support

Not happy with your study skills (and achivements)?

Having difficulty managing your time and your university tasks?

Are you unsatisfied with your relationships or your university career?

Are you feeling too often anxious, embarrassed, afraid or ashamed?

Are you feeling confused or alone in this new context?







University services for psychological assistance

Academic success is a multidimensional phenomenon related not only to individual factors (Ben-Eliyahu, 2019)

University services for psychological assistance

- Can be a resource to cope with academic difficulties (*first-line service*; Bani et al., 2020) that has positive outcomes in the academic career
- Register a higher and higher number of requests (Auerbach et al., 2018; Sneyers & De Witte, 2018),
- Are more and more required to demonstrate *evidence-based* interventions (Locke et al., 2011; Bani et al., 2020)
- Are part of the integrated network of university services

UNIPD experience



What?

Centro di Ateneo dei Servizi Clinici Universitari Psicologici (SCUP)

https://www.scup.unipd.it/

SCUP - CENTRO ATENEO DEI SERVIZI CLINICI UNIVERSITARI PSICOLOGICI







The Psychological Assistance Services provide counselling and psychotherapeutic sessions to PhD students and scholars of the University of Padova.









After a first informative session, depending on the situation, the student/scholar can receive a proposal of psychological assistance or may be advised to refer to other services.





The student/scholar can be invited to take part in a psychotherapeutic process or in a focused intervention.

We expect to offer a service in which each person may feel listened and welcomed!

Psychotherapy

Università

degli Studi di Padova

 \checkmark Individual or open-ended group setting

- ✓ Lasting 2-12 months
- ✓ Based on a psychosocial perspective, that considers the person within his/her context helping him/her to better cope with his/her existential questions.
- ✓ A collaborative approach between clinician and client/s and among clients in the group.

 \checkmark Aimed to promote wellbeing.











How?

Short-term groups

Target population: individuals suffering from anxiety, low mood and/or relational difficulties

Format: 8-12 participants; six sessions (50 min/each) Facilitated by a clinical psychologist

Aim: to develop positive emotion regulation strategies in a nonjudgmental and supportive environment

Strategies: psychoeducation, social support, behavioural activation, motivation interviewing, goal planning







National PhD students can refer to APAD: apad.scup@unipd.it

International PhD students can refer to:psychological.assistance.scup@unipd.it

to ask for information or an appointment.

A clinical psychologist will reply to them.

The service is here: Via Tommaseo, 47/A Padova Front office tel. 049.8278450

