The Behavioral Assessment and Intervention Team (B.A.I.T.) focuses on at-risk students who are experiencing serious distress or engaging in harmful or disruptive behavior. The Team serves to support students who are at-risk, ensure regular coordinated communication between campus departments, and intervene, if necessary, to ensure student well-being and campus safety.

Chair: Vice President for Student Affairs
Members: Director of Health and Counseling, Director of Residential Life and Housing, Associate Director for Counseling, Director of Disability Services, Director of Safety and Security.

Referring a student to B.A.I.T.
Call the Chair of B.A.I.T., Dr. Helen Matusow-Ayres, at 718-636-3639 to provide a verbal report or report an incident using your MyPratt account. Log into your MyPratt account, go to the list of featured services, and click on “Report an Incident” to send the information listed below directly to the Vice President for Student Affairs.
- Name of student
- ID or email (if known)
- Date/Time of incident
- Location
- Description of the incident (as concise and specific as possible)
- Your name and title (if appropriate)
- Your phone number
- Your email address

Knowing Your Limits: How to protect your wellbeing
In dealing with a distressed person, personal safety and wellbeing are just as important as that of the person in distress. It is important to recognize the limits of what can be done to help someone in distress.

What can be helpful:
- Be genuinely concerned and supportive
- Be honest about the time and effort you can afford to spend in helping
- Be aware of personal needs and limitations
- Maintain and respect healthy boundaries

What isn’t helpful:
- Trying to control how another person is going to respond
- Attempting to force another person to change
- Forcing someone to take action to help themselves

If you are concerned about immediate safety issues, notify Security for assistance at once. (Security Booth: 718-636-3540)

OTHER RESOURCES:
Woodhull Medical Center
760 Broadway
Brooklyn, New York 11206
718-963-8397

Brooklyn Peer Advocacy Center
www.balticstreet.org
250 Baltic Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201-6401
718-875-7744

The Samaritans of New York
24 hours / 7 days a week
Suicide Prevention Hotline
212-673-3000

Health and Counseling Services
Willoughby Residence Hall
718-399-4542
Director for Health and Counseling Services
718-399-4546
Associate Director for Counseling
718-687-5980
Student Conduct Coordinator
Residential Life and Housing Office
718-399-4551

Security Office
Room 111, Engineering Building
718-636-3542
Security Booth
718-636-3540
Vice President for Student Affairs
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How can I help a student in distress? Ask to speak with the student privately about your concerns. Express your concern openly and directly by making observations about what you have noticed. Rather than making assumptions or interpretations of what might underlie the student’s difficulties, state specifically what you have noticed in the student’s behavior, verbal statements, or appearance. Allow the student to respond to your observations and concerns. Empathize with him/her difficulties in a caring manner. Refrain from making quick judgments or offering immediate advice. Invite the student to meet with one of our counselors. Underscore the private and confidential nature of the visit, and the potential benefits. Follow-up with the student later.

What is considered disruptive behavior in class? • Harming another student or professor • Destroying property • Impulsive actions • Hostile or confrontational statements • Physical or verbal intimidation • Cursing in class • Inappropriate material or content used on projects

What can I do if a student is disruptive? If you have concerns about the safety of the student, your class, or yourself, contact security immediately. You might ask someone else to contact security on your behalf, if necessary. You might consider escorting the student to the security office or the security booth. If the student does not accompany you, go to the Security office to report the incident. After hours, go to the security booth. After the immediate situation has been addressed, please seek consultation from Health and Counseling Services and/or the Coordinator of Student Conduct, and submit an incident report of the disruptive behavior to the Coordinator of Student Conduct.

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Security Engineering Building, Room 111 718-636-3540
Security Booth 718-636-3540
The Pratt Safety and Security Department provides 24-hour a day protection to the campus. Security officers are charged with enforcement of Pratt’s rules and regulations. They are staff employers and are responsible for a full range of services, including response to emergencies, preparation of crime and condition reports, conducting fire drills, and any other situation requiring security assistance.

Coordinator of Student Conduct Residential Life and Housing Office 718-399-4550
The Coordinator of Student Conduct oversees a judicial process that evaluates whether or not Pratt’s community standards have been violated, to what extent they have been violated, and if violated, assesses penalties. The judicial process is not a legal process. Rather, it is intended to be an educational process, the goal of which is to protect each person’s rights while providing an experience from which those involved can learn. A complete explanation of the Pratt and Residential Life Judicial Process is available from the Office of Residential Life and Housing.

Health and Counseling Services 718-399-4542
Health and Counseling Services provides short-term psychotherapy, case management, crisis intervention, and outreach services to undergraduate and graduate students. Counseling services are free to all registered students. Common issues addressed in therapy are roommate difficulties, adjustment to home, ongoing symptoms of anxiety and depression, relationships, sexual orientation, identity exploration, and coping with a psychiatric disorder. Records are kept confidentially, separate from students’ academic information. The clinical staff consists of psychologists, clinical social workers, a consulting psychiatrist, and social work and psychology interns.

Counselors are available by appointment as well as daily crisis walk-in times. Please call the Health and Counseling office for more information. You also can find more information about these services by visiting the Web site of Health and Counseling Services (www.pratt.edu/health), which has a link to Ulifeline, an on-line behavioral counseling office for more information. You also can find more information about these services by visiting the Web site of Health and Counseling Services (www.pratt.edu/health), which has a link to Ulifeline, an on-line behavioral support Web site for college students.

Office Hours—Academic Year: Monday through Friday, 9 AM–5 PM Summer: Monday through Friday, 9 AM–4 PM After hours: A staff person is available for emergencies and can be reached through Security at (718) 636-3540. Pratt Manhattan: Call (718) 399-4542 for appointments

If you observe or receive information about a student in serious distress or who is behaving erratically, refer the student to the Behavioral Assessment and Intervention Team.