

Mental Health and Substance Treatment Services Expanded

The University has implemented several changes and enhancements to its services for students needing mental health support. The changes are designed to ensure that students can access services easily, effectively, and promptly.

The revisions follow a two-year review of policies and procedures

for counseling and mental health care, drug and alcohol abuse prevention, and addiction treatment.

Among the changes are expanded case management at the University Counseling Center, expanded coverage and staffing for alcohol and drug treatment, and more educational resources dedicated to prevention.

Counseling center hours for the Eastman School and the Medical Center have been extended, and additional counseling staff are now available in the evenings on the River Campus.

For more information on the services available through the University Counseling Center, visit Rochester.edu/ucc.



NEW DEAN: Sturge-Apple will head graduate studies.

New Dean Named for Graduate Studies in AS&E

Melissa Sturge-Apple '92, an associate professor of psychology, has been named dean of graduate studies in Arts, Sciences & Engineering, subject to confirmation by the Board of Trustees.

Sturge-Apple succeeds Wendi Heinzelman, who recently became dean of the Hajim School of Engineering & Applied Sciences.

She joined the psychology department as an assistant professor in 2009, after her appointment in 2006 as a research associate at the Mt. Hope Family Center, which provides evidence-based intervention and prevention services to at-risk children and families in the Rochester community. Her research examines how family relationships affect child development. She also codirects the Rochester Center for Research on Children and Families. Her work has resulted in more than 50 publications coauthored with students and collaborators.



HONORED: Highland Hospital has been recognized as a top regional hospital in a national ranking.

Highland Hospital Earns 'Best Regional Hospital' Ranking

U.S. News & World Report has recognized Highland Hospital, a part of UR Medicine, as a "best regional hospital" in its 2016-17 rankings of U.S. hospitals. Of nearly 5,000 hospitals evaluated, only about 10 percent earned the designation. In addition, Highland received "high performing" rankings for five types of adult care, including heart failure, colon cancer surgery, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, hip replacement, and knee replacement.

Rochester Tapped for National Initiative to Improve Residency Training

The Medical Center is one of just eight physician-training grounds chosen to lead a four-year, nationwide effort to improve residency training for doctors.

Called "Pursuing Excellence in Clinical Learning Environments,"

the initiative is led by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Diane Hartman, the senior associate dean for Graduate Medical Education, leads Rochester's effort.

The council chose the

Medical Center for its proposal to integrate its residents—of whom there are more than 750 in 80 programs—into an existing quality-and-safety-improvement model that has been shown to be highly successful at improving

patient outcomes.

Other medical school and teaching hospitals selected to take part include the University of Chicago, the Cleveland Clinic, and the National Children's Medical Center in Washington, D.C.